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A SONG FOR MAY.

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A song for May, whose breath is sweet With blossoms blowing at our feet; Whose voice rings out in silver rills That ripple down the laughing hills. Oh, happy, happy May!

The robin on the budding trees. Is rocking in the drowsy breeze, And bubbling from his silver throat. His songs in wordless rapture float. Oh, happy, happy May!

Above the hills, the firmament Bends downward like some wide, blue tent. And we, oh, fairy-footed May, Are dwellers in your tents to-day. Oh, happy, happy May!

Our hearts are glad with bird and bee For what we feel and what we see, While beauty srowns the hills to-day; Oh, would our life could keep its May, Its happy, happy May!

OLD DAN RACKBACK,

The Great Extarminator:

THE TRIANGLE'S LAST TRAIL!

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CHAPTER V.

"SICK 'IM, PUP!" "I'LL l'arn 'em, I will, sure as water runs down hill," mused Dakota Dan, as he galloped away from the presence of the outlaw chief. "I'll let 'em know that I'm a imported deefic kilty—that ole Dakota Dan, the great Triangle, are a hurricane in the disguise of a zephyr. Age is tellin' on us, it are true; man, hoof and howler are not so young as we war once; but then, our faculties are still good. My ole eyes ritches out handsomely yit. Patience jogs along right peartly, an' Humility ranges jest 'bout as well as when a two-year old pup. Criminy! we're good for several more races, tussels and fights yet—and, while I think about it, there's that chief Fastfoot, friends, that we've got to look after. He's got a leetle dockymint in his gaiter that may be of value to us or somebody. So, peg it down, Patience, for the varlet's got, considerabley the start on us. Sail right into it, ole lightnin', for I know you're feelin' purty fresh and skit-

The mare seemed to fully comprehend the words addressed to her, and at once quickened her pace—gliding along the great brown ocean of grass with remarkable speed.

Meanwhile, the Sioux chief, Fast-foot, was moving across the plain at a slow, swinging He was mounted upon a pony more remarkable for endurance than speed. He felt no fears of danger, for he had assured himself that there were no enemies in the immediate He carried a rifle, a knife and a tomvicinity. ahawk, with all three of which he was a skillful He was a shrewd, wary and cunning chief. His cold, sullen countenance was that of the true savage. He never turned his head as he galloped onward, but kept his dark eyes on the plain before him.

Suddenly, however, his trained ear caught a faint sound behind him. He glanced back over his shoulder and discovered a horseman galloping down the hill directly toward him. He saw that he was a white man, for he was not over a hundred rods away. At a glance the chief recognized the man as he whom he had left at the grove with his friends.

For a moment the chief was undecided as to the course he should pursue. He knew not the object of his pursuer, but he thought that he might have been sent after him by Prairie Paul, with some additional news for the chief. White Bear. This, however, he knew, upon second thought, was impossible, for the old man and his mare were both laboring under apparent infirmities when he was in their presence. One thought begot another in rapid succession. until it finally occurred to the chief that there had been some deception about the old manthat he was an enemy in disguise, and so he urged on his pony to its utmost speed. pite his efforts to clude the old man, he found that he was gaining rapidly. The chase, howten or a dozen rods separated them, when the Indian suddenly turned his pony to the right, and sweeping around, came to a halt after describing a half circle.

"S'render, you lopin' varmint!" yelled Da-kota Dan, at the top of his lungs; "s'render, unconstitooshinly!

The savage raised his rifle and fired, but as the old ranger was in motion, his bullet went wide of its mark.

"A bad shot, red-skin, a bad shot; and it leaves you in an excrooshiatin' deefickilty, shouted Dan, as he brought his mare to a stand; 'we're after you, hot and heavy, and if you value your anatomy wuth the effort, you must come right down with that little paper in your

slipper.'
The chief sent back a defiant whoop, then began calmly reloading his rifle. He felt no fears

of the feeble-looking old man.
"Be keerful, Ingin," cried the latter, raising his rifle, "don't tamper with a magazine. old, but I'm mighty. Go a leetle slow, chief. for I tell ye yer in the immejiate vicinity of a -a rollin' thunderbolt—an excroo shiatin' deefickilty. I'm mortal pizen to red-

skins-like May-apple to a hog. We three-

that's man, hoof and howler—are what's called



He advanced to the side of the fallen savage, and cutting the moccasin from his foot, secured the paper.

the Triangle -- See here, ole doofunny, it's my |

The old ranger saw that the savage was about to raise his rifle for a second shot, and as the distance between them was not sufficient to secure his safety from the enemy's bullet, he was compelled to act without a moment's hesitancy. Quick as the thought itself, he threw his rifle to his shoulder and fired. The red-skin's pony reared, and plunging forward, fell dead. In the onfusion consequent upon the old man's shot, the savage's rifle was accidentally discharged leaving him for the time being at the mercy of

With a shout, Dakota Dan started toward the

"Stand, red-skin!" he yelled, "for here we come a-boomin'—full tilt—stand, or we'll anny-The savage grasped his tomahawk. Dakota

Dan drew a revolver from the bosom of his nunting-shirt. Some twenty paces from the chief. Dan drew

'Ingin, you must give me that paper in your he said, in an expostulating manner

must have it-1 will have it, and if you don't ome right down with it, mind I tell ye, ye'll ear a queer rumblin' like a yearthquake "The old man speaks big words, but they are lies," retorted the savage, indignantly.

"Complimentionary, you are, Ingin; then the Rackbacks are not without their little faults as well as other old Puritan families. But I'm gittin' tired of this tongue-lashin', and mean bisness now. So I want you to plank over that paper Prairie Paul give you, or true as there is constitooshin, I'll let blizzer right into your 'Fast-foot is not a coward."

"I daresay you're not, but then maybe youre not jist prepared to die, and your spiritual ondition will make no dif'rence with me. I want that paper, and you're in no condition to buck ag'inst a tornado; so now, out with it, or goes yer meat house!" and the old man raised his revolver and leveled it at the savage.

With a yell the wily chief threw himself in the tall grass entirely out of sight; then he began crawling rapidly away on all-fours. But Dan could tell his exact location by the agitation of the grass, and thus kept himself posted as to the enemy's course. He believed the warrior was trying to escape, and dismounting, he ordered his mare to lie down in the grass for fear of a stray shot from the red-skin.

"Now, Humility, ole dog, is your time to set a tooth," the ranger said, addressing his "I want you to take the red-skin's trail and rout him hoss and foot, and I'll be ready to dot him the instant he leaps cover. Here, take the trail, pup-sick 'im-hunt him up!"

Humility glided away through the brown grass, a perfect line of trembling blades indicating his course. The old borderman watched sharply for the contact of the dog and Indian, and was soon rewarded by seeing the latter leap almost full length above the top of the grass with Humility clinging, like a leech, to his loin-cloth. A yell, that fairly split the air, pealed from the startled Indian's lips.

With a broad, comical grin upon his bearded face, Dakota Dan bounded forward to his dog's assistance. He found the two struggling ene mies upon foot, the savage spinning around and around like a top, in vain endeavor to get a hold of the animal. But the cld dog was cunning enough for him and managed to maintain his hold upon the loin-cloth, and his position directly behind the foe.

When Dakota Dan caught sight of them, the

off his old cap, slapped his thigh with it, and then haw-hawed with laughter.

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"No mo' signs ob timbar dan ob daylight,"

"You are in an excrooshiatin' deefickilty, ar'n't you, red-skin? Makes ye dance gingerly, don't it? The pup's teeth pinch hard, don't they? Hold to him, Humility, ole dorg! Don't dressed as Prince DeLanc let the varmint git behind hisself, or the Tri-""I'll swear I b'lieve I angle'll be eternally ruined. You know, one part gone and the machine won't hitch-can't work up tornadoes and yearthquakes-haw! haw! haw! Ingin, you caper around like a bug on a hot griddle. What makes ye tip-toe it so?

nything hot about yer system?" This so enraged the savage that he made one esperate lunge forward and succeeded in breaking away from the fangs of the dog. One bound and he reached the point where the suden attack of the beast had caused him to drop his tomahawk. Seizing the weapon, he turned upon the animal and attempted to brain it; but the uplifted arm fell helpless at his side—shattered by a bullet from Dakota Dan's revolver. Grasping the weapon in the other hand, the des perate savage make an effort to kill the old man, but another shot laid the painted wretch

low in the agonies of death. "There, there," mused the scout, in a half contrite tone, "it's over with again, and the Lord only knows how many times it makes in the history of the Triangle. We have no desire to know how many we have slain; we are sorry to know that we've had to slain any at all. But death is all that'll tame a red-skin—yes, all that'll bring 'em anyways near civilized life. But what's the use of us moralizin'? We didn't use to do it; but, ah! it's age; we're approachin' the eend of our journey; the Triangle'll soon be off the trail forever, and it makes one begin to think 'bout footin' up accounts. that red is deader'n a mummy. He provoked it himself. He wouldn't give up that dockyand so a deefickilty boarded him, and now than he lays. So now, I'll look after the paper myself.

He advanced to the side of the fallen savage, and stooping, cut the moccasin from his foot. Inside of it he found the coveted paper, which he secured about his person, then mounting his mare, rode on northward at a slow, measured

CHAPTER VI.

THE LOST WAGONERS. THE day had been fair, but with the going

down of the sun the haze of Indian summer thickened into a heavy, foggy blackness, and this, with the shadows of night, enveloped the plain, its brown billows and wooded isles in a shroud of purple gloom. But out of its Cimmerian depths human voices arose—voices full of animated life-voices whose tones were pitched in excitement and anger. And, added to these, were the rumble of wagon-wheels, the rattling of chains, the occasional crack of a

whip and the tramp of hoofed feet. A wagon was moving along the plains of Dakota at the dead hour of night—moving, whither the men that accompanied it knew not. They were lost; and yet they kept moving onward through the impenetrable night. At sunset they had descried a grove in the distance and had resolved to push on and reach it before going into camp. But, hours of travel through the darkness brought them not to the desired point, and they finally became bewildered and Despite this fact, they kept on in hopes of striking a place where fuel and water could be procured.

scene presented was so ludicrous that he jerked asked one of the party of their African teams-

was the response of the sable Jehu.
"Then we might as well halt right here for the night," said the first speaker, who was ad-

"I'll swear I b'lieve I see a grove ahead,"

said a third speaker.
"Gor a'mighty!" exclaimed the darkey, "you can't no mo' see an inch through the darkness than you can into heaving. Come, g'long dar Bess and Beauty: what for you shvin' off dat vay? want to make somebody b'lieve you can see somethin'? Come, gee-haw, g'lang," and the speaker rounded off his speech with a crack of his whip that rung sharply through the still, dark night.

"Let us move on a little further," said De Lano; "I don't want to pass this night without water for our animals or fuel to cook some food. If it wasn't for one thing we could rough it through on raw bacon and hard-tack, but you know, don't you, that we've got to have some delicacies," and the speaker gave his companion a significant nudge in the side.

"Whoa, dar, Bess, you female fool you!" again scolded the African, giving the line a sudden jerk; "I'd jis' like to know what makes skeeter 'long dar, dat way. I'll lick you black-and-blue directionly-hup, g'lang!" and again the crack of his whip stung through the

The darkey was mounted on the near wheelhorse and drove those forward with a single

rein. Four men, all in the prime of vigorous man hood, reclined in the forward end of the canvas-covered wagon, drawn by the four ani-That they were reckless, hardy fellows full of the spirit of wild adventure, was quite evident from their very demeanor. That they were men of dissolute character, and given to dissipation, was, also, evident from their language. They affected indifference to their sit uation, although it was quite evident to Snowball that they were extremely anxious to reach a certain point before they came to a halt. The repeated complaints of the darkey about the darkness, and the fretfulness of his leaders finally became annoying to the men, and they cursed the darkey for his stupidity and complaints, and even threatened him with violence in ease he continued his grumbling.

The negro, however, was not as humble and obedient as the slave the four men would have He had imbibed some of their own spirit of independence and courage. ed fully cognizant of the fact that all men were created with the same free and equal rights, if not of the same color. Therefore, he resolved to exercise his rights, and embraced every opportunity to make reply to his employers

abusive language. I jus' tell you what's de matter, Massa De-Lano," he said; "I don't know no mo' whar I's gwine dan a goose in de grass; and you jis want to stop dat mean, ornery swearin' to dis nigger, or I'll jis' hop down and s'render de team to you. You jis' can't mule-drive me. De proclamashin ob Abe Linking sot dis nigger on an equal wid de white trash, and I's not gwine to have dat order violated.

You are an infernal sensitive nigger," re plied Prince, "but a chunk of cold lead-Whoa, dar! what de fire and blixum ails

you, ole critters?" stormed the darkey, addressing the horses: "I jis' tell you what it are Bess mare, or I'll be inflated if I don't dismount "Any signs of timber ahead, Snowball?" and let you cipher it out alone in dis Gymson But the quick-witted negro, acting upon the

gloom. Talk 'bout a grove ahead! Why, it am all downstraight foolishness."

"Stop that grumbling, nigger, or curse you, I will shoot you dead," returned Prince, and the click of a revolver accompanied his murderous threat.

Whoa, Bess and Beauty, Dave and Dick," exclaimed the driver, whom the villain's words failed to intimidate in the least. Turning in the saddle he continued: "Massa Prince, I jis' swore like a' ole pirate dat I'd nebber be 'posed on by de likes ob any white man as wa'n't a gemman. Now you's got to snake dat threat back, or I'll clomb down off ob dis hoss."
"Go on, I say, or I'll blow you to purga-

tory!"
"I won't budge a peg till you speaks like a

An oath escaped Prince's lips, and was succeeded by the report of his pistol and a groan of agony from Snowball's lips. Then in the blackness of the night was heard the heavy, sodden fall of a body upon the earth and the rumbling jar of the wagon-wheels over some obstruction, while the horses, becoming frightened at the terrible sounds, plunged away over

the plain without a driver.

"By heavens, Prinee! you have slain the negro," said one of the villain's companions, and the horses are going to the devil with

"I didn't mean to shoot the black dog," said Prince, excitedly, "I only aimed to frighten him. But we must try and stop these horses." He advanced to the end of the wagon and endeavored to stop the running horses, but the sound of his voice, added to the rattling of the wagon, lent new terror to the horses' affright

and they ran onward all the more frightened. The four men exerted every effort in their ower to check the flying animals, but not until they were nearly exhausted did they succeed. Prince, the chief man of the party, managed, at the risk of his life, to walk out upon the wagon-tongue and mount the saddle-horse, or near wheeler, when he had no difficulty in

bringing the panting horses to a stand. "There, now, curse you!" the man hissed be-tween his set teeth; "stand, won't you! Boys, what are the casualties of this night's esca-

"A dead nigger, four scared and bruised men, and a general smash-up of things in the

"Devil take the nigger," replied Prince, in a tone of affected bravado; "we can get along without his driving and insolence."

"But you can never boast again that you have never shed human blood," replied Bert

"Well," returned Prince, evasively, "I believe that nigger was not a safe person to take into the hills.

"I always said that," responded Bertram, but do you think we can apply the adage-

Dead men tell no tales' to him, Prince?" The ball must have gone through his wooly pate, for I aimed to shoot through the top of his hat: and what the bullet failed in doing the wagon-wheels must have completed. I daresay the wolves will leave nothing at all to-night for the vultures to-morrow. But the question still before the house is: where are we?

"Well, the runaway has confused me more than ever," replied Sol Ricord. "I couldn't say whether we are in Dakota or Montana Territory-whether we are headed toward the Mountains or the Missouri river.

"I'll tell ye whar we are," said the facetious character of the quartette of worthies.

"We're lost."

Prince swore, and the other two laughed. "I believe we are still right," said DeLano, and shall undertake to steer this craft my-Darkness or daylight, we want to reach a safe point."

So saying, the villain squared himself in the addle and started up the team. They rattled and bumped along over the rough plain an hour or so in perfect silence so far as words were The darkness seemed to thicken as night ad-

Those in the wagon could scarcely see the faintest outlines of their friend on the

At times the heavy grass muffled the sound of the wheels and the horses' feet, and a comparative silence ensued, but only for a few mo-

Suddenly Prince drew up, saying:
"Trott, I wish you would get out and see

what ails the off leader. 'Pears to me she's been lagging behind for sometime, and acting rather queer. And once I really fancied I saw a man on her: but-Prince was here interrupted by an outburst

of laughter from his friends. Trott got out of the wagon and went around to the heads of the forward horses. A cry sud-denly burst from his lips—a cry of startling

What's the matter, Trott?" asked Prince. "I'd ask that question, I would, by heavens!" was the startled response. "Why, Bess is gone! has been stolen right out of the harness from under our very noses! I don't doubt now, Prince, but that you did see a man on A pretty set of night-tramps are

CHAPTER VII.

we, by Judas!"

"HAIL FELLOWS! WELL MET!"

SNOWBALL, the negro driver, was far from being dead at the time his fall was so lightly discussed by his assassin. In the darkness Prince DeLano had shot wide of his mark.

spur of the moment, uttered a groan of agony and threw himself on the earth between the horses where the wagon could pass over him, rather risking the dangers of the animals' heels and the rolling wheels than the chance of a second shot from the outlaw's revolver.

To still further mislead his enemies in the belief that he had been killed outright, the wagonwheels passed over a gopher-mound about the time he fell, and they were sure it was the lifeless body of their driver.

Snowball lay prone upon the earth, his body parallel with the course the team was pursuing and the wagon passed over him and rattled on. Through fear, however, that his deception might be discovered, he lay perfectly quiet for some time; but when the sound of the wheels and the men's excited voices had died away in the distance, he ventured to open his eyes and gaze up into the purple gloom. But at this very instant he heard a soft rustling in the grass near him. A footstep, light as a cat's, approached him. Then two dull, glowing specks of fire appeared but a few inches from the darkey's face. A warm, quivering nose was thrust down against his cheek, and the hot, fetid breath of an animal was breathed into his face.

Terror paralyzed the limbs of the African He trembled from head to foot and his teeth chattered as if with an ague fit. His first impression was that a huge bear stood over him, and expected each moment to feel the creature's fangs tearing into his quaking form. He tried to speak, but his tongue was as if frozen. It occurred to him that a mental resolution to offer a prayer might give him control of his speech; but even this good resolution failed to take the silence out of his organ of speech.

"Bow-wow-wow!" suddenly burst like the deep crash of thunder over him, breaking the terrible spell that bound him in horror's chain. "Oh. Lord!" burst involuntarily from the

negro's lips.
"Hullo! what now you got there, Humility, ole dorg?" came a queer, interrogative voice, from out the night.

"Bow-wow!" "answered the dog over the prostrate negro.

Then a man was heard approaching, with a quick, shuffling gait, through the dry grass, and the black man gathered nerve and strength enough to rise to a sitting posture.

"By the munificent Moses!" he heard the man say to himself as he came nearer, "the pup's got some poor devil thar, shure as water runs down hill." "You jist right, you be, stranger," said Snow ball, taking courage by the friendliness of the

man's tone. "Well, now, who the Samuel-hill be you What are ye doin' 'round here! Whar ye goin'!"
"Didn't ye hear dat wagging jis' now!"

asked the darkey, rising to a sitting posture.
"I'm not deaf," was the laconic reply. And didn't ye hear dat pistol shot! and

" Edzactly." "Well, sah, dat ornery Prince DeLano fired de shot, and I done de groanin', den I rolled off de hoss into de grass, and here I are; but I's

not dead. "So I perceive. But I s'pose you got your self into a sort of deefickilty with yer friends.' "Don't know what dat is, but I know old Massa DeLano got mad as a hornit 'ca'se I the team; and he could scarcely suppress an wouldn't drive de team to soot him; and so he outburst at the remarks that followed. He

ups and bangs away at dis nigger."
"Nigger!—ugh—hump!" ejaculated Dan. "I thought you looked a leetle dark in the

night."
"Golly! can't see dat your 'plexion makes much ob a shine in de gloom. Guess, den, you's colored too."

No, I'm not a nigger; I'm Dakota Danthat is, me and my mare Patience, and my dorg Humility. We are the great Triangle of the -we three are; and are in hunt of game, all the way from a red-skin to a nugget of gold. But, lookey here, darkey, who's in

started out from Sioux City, and said dey war wine to de Black Hills to hunt gold, and dev hired me, and my mare Bess, to go 'long with dem. I war to work de mare and do de drivin' and did so till dey try to kill me. But I jis tell ye, 'Coaty Danyil, dey acts mighty stran sometimes. Dar's somethin' in de wagon dat dev guard like gold-never let dis nigger go bout it closer dan de hosses; and dey alway kept de cover closed down. I know dey's a ad set ob men, for long arter I'd gone to sleep last night wid one eye open, a man, all fixed up -whew! come to camp; and de men called him Capting Paul-

Prairie Paul! I'll bet a land title in the vi cinity of the North Pole," interrupted Dan. "Think I hear 'em call him dat name, Dan vil," said the negro, scratching his woolly pate. reflectively; "but as I was gwine to say, he come to camp, and dev all put der heads to gether, and talk, and talk, and talk, in low But what dey talk 'bout, I couldn't tell but knowed it war somethin' bad: and I's mor tal glad I got away from dem. But dey's go my mare Bess, and dey nebber paid me for

"I'd have her away from them or bleed," mid Dan.

"Dar's four ob dem and only one ob me. "Say the word and we three'll git her for

"What three am dat!" "Myself, Daniel Rackback, my mare Pationee, and my dorg Humility. We constitute the great Triangle of the Nor'-west. Patience my mare, nigger, is the fastest and bestest crit ter that ever boxed soil in Dakota, and Humility, my dorg, as good as sniffed a trail or sunk

"Don't dispoot wid you, 'Coaty Danyil, but if I had my mare Bess here, I'd beat you all to shucks a-runnin'.'

"Ho! ho! ho!" laughed Dan. 'Nigger, you don't know what yer sayin', do ye! You neve seed a fast horse aside of my Patience. Why, she's a reg'ler ole doofunny, and can out-run out-jump, out-kick anything this side of judgment day."

"Lookey" here, Massa Danyil; I's a poor, lone ole nigger, here in de night on de prairie, and I don't want to git into a discombobera shin' wid de only white man left on de planta tion; but I know dat mare ob mine can jist beat you, black and blue. Gum! but she's awful fast! I run her twenty miles once, down in I-o-wa, and I jis' tell you what's de matter, she went so fast dat folks thought dar war a string eb horses fur as dev could see, both ways. Dev seen her all along dat road in one holy second.

Dat's de way Bess runs.' 'Judea!" exclaimed Dan, "what a nateral born liar you be, nigger! But then, I'll admit sich runnin' might be possible, and if so, it's awful fast. But you'd ort to see ole Patience rack back on her dew-claws. Fire and tow she's inspired lightnin'. The fastest she eve done was down on the plains of New Mexico where something less'n two million Commanches got after us, bent on our skulps. It was on a dark night—darker'n to-night, for in-scratching his woolly pate in perplexity, "den if

through the darkness—"
"What, from your pipel—war you smok-

ing?" interrupted the astonished Snowball.

"No, thunderation, no! They come from fast runnin'. You see, Patience flashed along so like a meteor that the friction against the air

and darkness came mortal nigh producin' sponcaneous combustion "Oh. mortal Cæsars! Lor! Lor! I's done for. I'll give up, 'Coaty, dat you can beat the world whopping. You's de toughest pill I ebber tackled, but den if I ebber git my Bess mare from dem fellahs, I'll run you a big race

hind in a hundred yards—whit! what dat noise?" Silence! silence!" demanded Dan Both listened intently. They heard a sound

jist to see how many miles you'll leave me be

rattle of a wagon. "By Judea, nigger!" exclaimed old Dan "here comes yer men back like Satan beatin' tan-bark. They're lost and wanderin' about over the peraro like a set of fo ls. Now then, Snowdrop, if you'll swear that you'll stick to through thick and thin till we find the train of Maj r Loomis, I'll engage to extricate your oss from that team, or else you may have ole

"Golly, I's your huckleberry, Massa 'Coaty,' replied the negro, with apparent delight over the bargain.

"Then just remain here, Snowflake, and don't budge one peg till ye hear me whistle, then come," said old Dan, and with this he turned and crept away.

The old ranger stole onward through the grass until he had gained a point near where he supp sed he would intercept the wagon, when he came to a halt and threw himself along the earth.

The wagon soon came up. Dan could now hear the voices of the men in the wag n con versing in unguarded tones, and the driver curs ing like a pirate.

When the team was near, the old borderman rose to his feet and crept swiftly, yet silently, toward it. The animals detected his presence and shied off, but, continuing to follow up, he soon gained the side of the off-leader. He put out his hand and touched the animal, then he patted her side. His touch seemed magnetic for it at once relieved the mare of her uneasi

Soon as he had quieted the animal, and made sure he had not been detected by the man on the other side, he drew his knife and cut th harness tugs and the straps that coupled the animals, This left the mare loose, but it placed other things in a condition that would soon call strict attention to it, and so no time was to be lost in getting away. The old man, keeping the horse between himself and enemies, took the mare by the bits and turned her aside, and allowed the wagon to pass by them.

The team, however, did not go more than two rods before it stopped. Dan stopped also, but he mounted the mare in order to be ready for flight, in case he should be discovered Then he listened; he heard the driver order man out to see what was wrong with the lead ers. He heard the man's exclamation of surprise on finding one of the animals gone from

finally heard all the men get out and go around to where Trott stood, expatiating on their stupidity in the keenest sarcasm

Again the spirit of mischief took possession of Dakota Dan, and the indomitable old man dismounted, and stealing softly up behind the wag on, erept around the corner, and with his fing ers removed the linch-pin from the left wheel Then throwing the pin into the grass, he hurried back into the gloom, and mounting the mare, rode off a few rods and stopped to await the result of his second trick.

Had the four outlaws been less furious and oisy over the loss of their animal, they might "Prince DeLano, Bert Bertram, Thede Trott have heard the movements of the old bordernan. Nothing was visible to them save the dimmest outlines of the tall-topped wagon, and the horses, and to see these at all, one had to be upon the ground.

For fully half an hour the men stormed about, oursing the fate that had belated them, and the daring thief that had taken advantage of the gloom to steal their animal from under their very eyes. Finally they lit a lantern and upon making some search they found pieces of the harness-tugs hanging to the whiffletree This told them that a keen-edged knife had severed the traces as well as the strap that oupled the mare to her mate; the matter was thoroughly settled in their minds. The animal had been stolen while the team was in motion They did not believe, however, that Snowball ad anything whatever to do with the theft, but that other enemies more dangerous, even were the negro alive, were abroad upon the plain.

This conviction gave the four villains great uneasiness, and putting out their light, they arranged the three horses to the vehicle and reumed their journey.

Dakota Dan heard the wagon start away, and ne at once rode along after it to see the result of his second trick. He had not long to wait nor far to go. Suddenly there was a crash. The wheel had slipped off the spindle, and the vehicle careened over on the corner. The men houted, the horses plunged and reared in the harness with affright, and every board and timber in the wagon creaked and groaned under the straining twist it had been so suddenly thrown into. But, high above the din and confusion of all, rung a shrill, shricking seream.

Dakota Dan started with an inward shudden of horror and surprise, for in the scream he recognized the voice of a female! Of this there was not a single doubt in his mind, and turn ing his animal's head, he rode rapidly back to where he had left Snowball and his two dumb

There was work on hand for the Triangle!

CHAPTER VIII. THE SIGNAL LIGHT.

Wirm an ease that was evidence of his renarkable power of navigation in the dark, Dakota Dan made his way back toward the point where he had left Snowball, without a landmark of any kind to guide him 'Dat you, 'Coaty Danyil!" asked the negro,

as he approached within hearing "Yes, it are I, and here's yer Bess mare. I've

been tryin' her bottom, nigger, and I'll admit she's fast, but she's no match for Patience, my mare. I took the critter right outen the har ness while the wagon war in motion, but blest if 'em fellers war long in finding it out, and then, oh, Judea! how they did git up and spit But, Icicle, do you know that is a female woman in that wagon!"

A what?" exclaimed the darkey.

Oh. Moses, Massa Danvil! I nebber dream ed ob sich a thing. You's mistaken, man. 'No, I am not; I heard a woman scream.' "Oh, good salvation!" exclaimed the darkey

dea, nigger!—the air fairly sizzed along our trail, and smoke and sparks marked our path keeping de hind half ob de wagging all boxed up after dat fust night dat Capting Paul visited keeping de hind half ob de wagging all boxed ness. It appeared to be somewhat elevated, up after dat fust night dat Capting Paul visited which left no doubt in the old ranger's mind that her heart war bu'sted; but den I wa'n't sartin. Dey'd put out all de lights jist afore de capting come, den dey always make me stay and sleep wid de horses, several rods away, and as every hoss had a bell on so's to keep me awake and half deaf, reckon dat am de reasing I nebber knowed de truf 'bout de contents ob dat was ging. Den I war too dimfounded thick-headed ebber to 'strust anything.

"Wal, it's a serious fact, nigger; and I can never sleep till I know who she is, and why she's thar, and whar she's goin'. But then I know she's not thar of her own free will, or else you'd 'a' knowed it. Ah, me! the good Lord only knows how much deviltry are goin' approaching them resembling the rumble and on in this world. It's awful, ar'n't it, Snow drop!

Kind o' guess it is, massa." "Wal, crime 'll receive its reward; thar's no whinin' bout that. The recordin' angel'll misnothin' in footin' up the general account, and I'm afraid the credit colim' will be light—won't balance—when God 'll have to squar' the sheet with His judgment. But then it's no use moralizin' here when thar's work to be done. I'll call Patience, my mare, and begin figgerin' and feelin' back toward that wagon; and, nig ger, I want you to stand right up to the work

like a man. 'I'll do it, Massa Danyil—I swan I will!" Dan uttered a series of low whistles, and a few moments later his mare came up in answer

the familiar summons. "Now, nigger, if you only could see in this dark, you'd see the slickest piece of hoss-flesh you ever perceived. This mare, Patience, is of the best of blood, and so are that 'ere dog, Humility. Why, I can show papers tracin' their Patience is as good a hoss-critter as ever ambled sail in and lift that quartette of purgatorians nals outen an Arab; and Humility is jist as so ster, and 'll make his mark vit. But now, s'pos gacious a critter as ever sunk tooth in a catamonk. Remember this, nigger, as we jog along on the prairie? It war a signal, that's certain, thro' life. But come—this won't do; I must and it war intended for some one out in the know who's in that wagon aside them men-varmints. Let's lead up that way and see mean man and the whites the innocent ones—

So saying, they moved away through the darkness, leading their animals. They had gone but a short distance when Dan stopped, and by a low exclamation imposed silence upon his enabled to keep himself under the double cover

Then to their ears came the "swish, swish" of grass, while beneath their feet they could number of shadowy horsemen swept past them like the wind. They were going west, and, strange as it may seem, the feet of their horses made no more sound, aside from the swish of the grass, than if made by phantom feet. Snowball turned to Dakota Dan, and in a voice that trembled with fear, asked: "Great mortality, Massa Dan! what dem-

Dan chuckled softly to himself, then answered:

"Think thar war a leetle flesh and blood beut that party of night-riders."
"Dar hosses' hoofses made no noise, the'; why

fore be dat, Massa Danyil?"
"Beca'se they've had their hosses' hoofs muffled-tied up in pieces of blankets. You've no idea what a difference it'd make to bundle up a hose's hoofs. The fust time I ever seed it done war when I war on the western plains of Nubraska. I got into company with a pack of boy-rangers, under a feller called Idaho Tom, and I seed 'em fool a pack of Ingins that way—rid right onto the varmints and extinguished 'em. Judea, Snowdrop! if that Idaho Tom and his boys skins, and you may plump down yer bottom dollar that we alers come out top canines in the fight. I'd give my interest in the brimstun' diggin's to have that boy and his band of young harem-searem thunderbolts up here a few days. We'd regulate things here, you bet. We'd put the territory in a healthy condition purty quick we'd prove a dose of salts to the red-skins and prairie freebooters. But, nigger, I shouldn't wonder if that band of hossmen wasn't the cattle you were with. I reckon they've muffled their animals' feet and then mountin' struck out to s'arch the plain for the mean critter what stole their hose and drew the linch-pin outen their wagon-wheel. If it is them, they're big ger fools than one'd take 'em for, and whil they're away, we might slip in and explore their vehicle, and help that woman out of her deefickiltous predicamint."

"Scissors! dis nigger wouldn't know which way to go now. I's completely inverted: I are.

Thart didn't see that?" A light flashed through the darkness away off, nearly a mile before them Yes; seed dat plain as day," said the

"Well, that's our course—it was at the wagon. There it goes again-don't you see? Again the light appeared and remained in sight for fully a minute, swinging rapidly to and fro. When it ceased oscillating it rose and

fell half a dozen times, then disappeared altogether. 'Oh, hel" exclaimed Dan, "them war signals made with a lantern. You see now, don't you, nigger, that three of your men took to hoss, while the fourth remained to signal the

location of the wagon. See how it's done, don't "Can't see anything in dis darkness, Massa

Danvil. "Well, then you fully comprehend the possibiliousness of the case, don't you?" Snowball sighed and mumbled an unintelli-

Then the two continued on toward the wa-

Slowly through the almost impenetrable labyrinths of the night they made their way.

The damp mist and dews of heaven were settling earthward, deadening even the rustle of the grass.

Never in all his adventurous life did Dakota Dan experience such gloom and silence-gloom and silence that seemed born of Infinity When he supposed he was near the wagon, the

old ranger stopped and said: Nigger, I now want you to plant yourself right here like a stone statyoot, and stay here till I run out and make a reconnoisance should stumble into a red-hot squabble, I'll give the yoop, and then you can come around and give me a boost. Keep pu'fectly still and don't get impatient. Patience is the door to a bordernan's success - in fact it's the only avenue through which anything can be reached that requires the action of time to develop. Oh, ho!

light ahead again, so here goes." A dull, red light, scarcely brighter than a rumbling sound that rolled along the earth like King's reply to his note:

our camp. Dis nigger thought he heard a gal's voice dat night, and some one a sobbing as the laws' wagon. At any rate, he made his way laws' wagon. At any rate, he made his way directly toward it, and as he ascended and descended the slight undulations of the plain, the light seemed to rise and fall, approach and recede with the luring deception of a will-o'-thewisp.

CHAPTER IX.

" SILENCE OR DEATH!"

STRAIGHT toward the fickle, changing light, anging above the plain, Dakota Dan made his way, moving rapidly, yet silently, with every faculty on the alert for danger.

He had left his rifle strapped upon Patience's back, but with his revolver firmly grasped in a steady hand, he was ready for any

Suddenly the sound of a voice fell upon his ears. He stopped and listened. The light, which a moment before he had lost sight of, now appeared but a few rods away. And true nough, it shone through the canvas cover of the wagon, inside of which he could now see the shadow or outlines of a human form, or rather the head and shoulders of one. were so indistinct, however, that Dan could not tell whether they belonged to a man or woman. Just beyond the wagon a few paces three or four men were engaged in conversa ion, and near them horses could be heard

munching the dry grass. "Dod-burn the varmints, they've all come n," mused the old borderman, reflectively "that is, if they war out. Them fellers that went gallavantin' apast me and the nigger might 'a' bin some one else 'sides the outlaws; they might 'a' bin the friends of she that's in the wagon follerin' her captors. But, great Judea! is pedigree cl'ar back to Noah and the ark; and Idaho Tom or Red Rob war only here with his then talk bout beatin' that, will ye? Humph! men, wouldn't it be stavin' old fun for 'em to across the soil of Normandy, or kicked the eter- My-ee! but that Idaho Tom is a noble youngthem villains hav'n't been away from their mount, or scratched gravel for a St. Bernard wagon, whose light war that bobbin' round out what they're doin' by this time, the royal tigers pshaw! no, he's been tellin' too straight story—he'll do to freeze to on that."

Having thus settled matters in his mind, Dan of the grass and darkness; and finally, when within a couple of rods of the wagon, he got down and crept along upon his hands and knees feel the earth trembling, as if under violent to the rear end of the vehicle, stopping within and heavy concussions. The next instant a arm's length of it. He was now compelled to use the most extreme caution, for he knew not when and where he might run against an obstaele. He knew the loss of their horse and linchpin would put the outlaws on their guard; and he knew not but what the wagon was surrounded by enemies drawn thither by that mysterious signaling of lights. But, when his extreme caution was rewarded by being permitted to reach the wagon without encountering a foe, he breathed freer.

He listened, lying at full length upon the earth, and he could still hear those men for ward in conversation. He thought he could distinguish four distinct voices among them, and if so, he knew that none of the party were away, and that he would run no risk of en-

ountering an enemy in the rear of the wagon. Dan was so low now that he could no longer see into the wagon; but he soon decided upon his course of action: he would rise to his feet and peep in under the edge of the canvas, and learn, if possible, the situation of the captive. If he found her in a situation from which she could not be instantly released, he would creep under the wagon and abide the time for a fawer'n't the dare'nest set of fellers that ever vorable opportunity. If, however, the wagon-walked the plain or elimbed the mountains! eover was all that composed her prison walls,

> His course thus decided upon, the ranger was about to rise to his feet for the purpose of carrying it into execution, when, as the fates would have it, he heard footsteps coming around the wagon

> The old man's first impulse was to turn and flee, but his better judgment prevailing, he dropped himself to the ground and crept un the wagon. Scarcely were his feet out of the way ere the outlaw brushed past him, the shuffling of his feet through the grass drowning what little noise Dan made in his movements Remaining perfectly motionless, the ranger listened intently. He heard the man walk or around the wagon, then rejoin his companions

n a conversation which was carried on in in audible tones. The old man was well screened from obserration, and would have felt no fears of detection even were the enemy bold enough to avail hemselves of the light of a lantern. traightened the wagon up by replacing wheel, that ran off, back upon its axis, but all the space under the vehicle was filled up with the tall, thick grass through which no human eve could penetrate from without. In the cener of this Dakota Dan ensconced himself, have

ing first reached behind and straightened up the grass dragged down in crawling under. The old ranger had been somewhat defeated in his original designs, but, having now gained a position where he could listen, he resolved to desired. First, he rose to a sitting posture and pressing his ear against the bottom of the waon-box, listened long and intently. slight movement and heard a slight noise above him, but from these he could glean nothing definite. He was satisfied, however, before he went under the wagon, that there was some one in it. His only desire now was to know who it was, and why he, or she, whichever it might be, was there; and so he continued lis-Nearly a minute had passed when he was suddenly startled, with a shudder of inward surprise and terror, by the sound of a low, suppressed breathing. It was not above him, but before him, under the wagon, within two feet of his ears!

A chill passed over him, and for a mor the thoughts of flight were uppermost in his mind, but before he could carry them into action, a man came alongside the wagon and threw open a lantern, whose light burst out upon the night like the glare of a beacon-light Its rays penetrated Dan's retreat, and even glinted upon the barrel of his revolver. Still, and the circumstances, deserved death. some one in the grass before him.

To his disappointment, the outlaw hung the within sight of his home. lantern on the step of the vehicle and went the hour, Dan was suddenly startled by a dull,

stance We lit out for safety, and great Ju- dat's so, I knows why dey war so 'tickler 'bout phosphorescent glow, shone through the dark- thunder along the sky. For a moment he was puzzled by the sound, but as it grew plainer and plainer, developing into a trembling jar of the earth that seemed caused by the irresistible tread of a thousand hoofs, he came to the conclusion that a herd of buffalo were coming down from the north. But in this he soon found he was mistaken. A wild shout, mingled with an Indian yell that fairly rent the heavens, burst forth upon the night, and the next minute a hundred Indians and prairie pirates drew up around the wagon and were greeted with shoute by the four men belonging

This placed Dan in a most perilous situation, and through fear of his presence being detected by the lynx-eyed savages, he turned over and stretched himself upon his stomach close along the earth. At this juncture he was forcibly reminded of having heard some one breathing near him under the wagon, when he felt the cold muzzle of a revolver pressed against his cheek, and caught the scintillation of a pair of gleaming orbs set in a white, stony face, from whose lips issued, in a whisper, the startling

"Silence, or death!" (To be continued—commenced in No. 324.)

PAST.

BY "FELIX" BROWNE.

Ah! do you remember that night in September? And the walk thro' the forest of pines, By the light of the moon, that illumined the gloom, And silvered our path with its lines?

And the murmuring sea, does it still bring to thee, A thought of our summer romance? And the sigh of the breeze through the tall, stately

Does it still your spirit entrance?

And can you forget and never regret, Our short, sweet dream that is past? And fate, will it ever, bring us together? Shall we be happy at last?

Nick o' the Night:

THE BOY SPY OF '76. A CENTENNIAL STORY.

> BY T. C. HARBAUGH. CHAPTER X.

A BULLET INSTEAD OF A ROPE.

THE young partisan's dog had not forgotten the man whom he had encountered on several occasions prior to his visit in disguise to Marion's secluded camp.

Canine sagacity had unmasked the British

spy among the men who did not know how to spare such a character.

Jotham Nettleton's doom was sealed when Marion learned that he was an English dragoon, and when the youth grasped his shoulder, the partisan chief gave him a look which said: command here!

The reader will recollect the words that fell from the boy's lips when he arrested the Gene ral's haste:

"Hold, General! let me say a word?" "A word for whom?" cried Marion

"For the soldier who has fallen into our The partisans exchanged looks of astonish-

They had never dreamed that Nick o' the Night would intercede in behalf of a British spy, and to them his action was unaccountable. 'He is a brave man," said the boy.

seen his bravery put to the test, and he is fight-ing for the king because he loves the royal cause. Those who sent such a brave man on this dangerous mission-

"Hold!" cried the dragoon, stepping forward suddenly, and waving his hand as a sign for si-lence on the youth's part. "My superiors did not send me on this mission. I came on my own accord. I desired to solve the mystery that has and friendly designs, when one sweep of his have left your camp," he continued, looking at knife would open a way from the wagon, and one bound would carry them beyond danger. Marion, "before sunrise if the dog had not unmasked me. The boy is alive, and my mission would have been ended. I did not seek to know the numbers of your band. From me Colonel King might not have learned a thing about you. Jotham Nettleton, of the Royal Horse, is in your power. He shall not beg for mercy—a

lettleton never begs!" The last words, spoken with rising pride, were followed by a painful silence. The fate of the spy rested with Marion, on

whom all eyes were fixed, and on whose wan A minute elapsed before the silence in the camp was broken.

Then the Swamp Fox opened his mouth: "I see that you are a brave man," he said to the prisoner; "but there are rules of war to which we must adhere in order to protect ourselves. We are the weaker party—we are men whose swords have been drawn for freedom, and we more than others, who may be battling in other quarters of the globe, must punish the Jotham Nettleton, console yourself with

the thought that other Englishmen have died like men. "Like men! like Englishmen!" said the spy. Then I am to die!"

You must be hung! The last word made the soldier blush with in-

When!" he asked. "I am ready. I had always wished to die at

night Nick o' the Night looked at the man through his dark lashes that shaded his eyes.

There was no tremor on the well-moulded

lips, and the cheeks were not pale with the fear of the approaching ordeal. He would have spoken again for the dragoon; but he feared that his good offices would be repulsed, and, therefore, he held his peace.

The preliminaries of the execution were performed in the light of the camp-fires. given the prisoner into the charge of a lieuten at, Marion returned to his potatoes, which lay at the edge of the fire, and was breaking the for his repast.

He heard the lieutenant's "forward, march," and turned his head to see a body of men departing from the camp. Jotham Nettleton was being led to execu-

tion! Though such scenes were rare in Marion's eamp, the partisan leader did not take much notice of it. He felt that the trooper was a spy and that he, according to the law of war, he knew he could not be seen from without, nel King had lately executed a partisan, caught and at once resolved to remain quietly there, in after nightfall near Dorchester, and contrary to hopes the light would be removed, actually for- the letter received from Marion—a letter which getting, in his excitement, that he had heard was an eloquent appeal for mercy, because of the captive's wife and little ones-hung him

That inhumanity had aroused the lion of the away; then, to still add to the excitement of Huguenot's nature, and when pronouncing sentence on the dragoon, he thought of Colonel

when he catches him.'

The Swamp Fox ate his potatoes alone for several minutes. At the end of that time he was joined by Nick o' the Night, whom he greeted with great

cordiality. "Trooper Nettleton is a gallant fellow," Marion said, recurring at once to the man being led to the gallows-tree on the bank of a small but deep tributary of the Ashley. "But we cannot spare spics for that. Boy, I appreciated your love of bravery; but I could not That dog of yours is worth his weight save. in gold. He has done the cause a valuable ser-

Nick o' the Night glanced at Whig, who was looking up into Marion's face as if he under-

stood the compliment. He has saved my life upon several occasions," he said. "Once when I was at the mercy of trooper Nettleton's pistol." The chief gave the young partisan a look of

"And yet you plead for him?"

"Yes, General. Will you listen to a strange Morv?"

There was a something in the speaker's tone that riveted Marion's gaze to his face, and the partisan leader was instantly all atten-

"I am ready to listen to anything," he said. "Talk fast, for I am always eager to get to the Nick o' the Night did talk fast. He talked as if he were going to save a life at that mo-

ment in jeopardy, and it was curious to see how the General dwelt on the words that fell in quick succession from his lips. For the first time in his young life, the youthful partisan unburdened his heart to

With a flushed face he told Marion of his love for Helen Latimer, the staunch loyalist's daughter-told it with a little stammering, which amused the General, but told it well. He recited his suspicions concerning Helen's true parentage, and did not hesitate to declare that Hugh Lati mer was not her father. He told of the remarkable resemblance between Helen and Jotham Nettleton, and then paused to note the effect which his somewhat lengthy narrative had

produced. Marion was silent, but not a little ex-

cited. "They are brother and sister!" eried the boy. "I know it! The secret of Helen's parentage is buried in his breast, and he can expose the erimes of Hugh Latimer. He has been to Azalea; but I do not think that he dreams of the true state of affairs. He may have been young when Helen was separated from him. I feel, away down in my heart, that I have not guess General Marion, you are hanging the brother of Helen Latimer, whose heart is ever beating for the cause of liberty.

The boy's eyes were flashing while the words fell, full of passion, from his lips. The last sentence brought the General to his

feet. "Do you really believe it?" he cried, grasping

the boy's arm.
"I do—I do! He is her brother."

Marion started forward.
"Then he shall not die!" he eried. "But they are down at the Wishaw, and an hour has pass

ed since they left." Nick o' the Night felt a pallor sweep across his face.

"If we are quick we may not be too late. They went on foot." The Swamp Fox was excited. He thought of

nothing save the rescue of Jotham Nettleton, the British spy. A minute later two horses were pushing through the greenwood, and the saddles were

filled by the twain so eager to save. Not a word was spoken till the couple emerged suddenly into the starlight, when the report of

a gun reached their ears. Marion gave his companion a quick glance. 'That was down at the creek!" he said, and the reply that the boy gave was lost to the General's ears, for his steed, struck fiercely by

from a catapult. No other shot greeted the ears of the twain who cut the air in their rapid gallop toward the

the spurs, had darted forward like a projectile

Where was the little tributary! Miles and miles away it seemed to the boy, who kept at Marion's side. Would they never reach the place of execution? What did that startling

At length the voices of men were heard, and the two riders found a group of excited partisans on the bank of the creek, not quite a mile

from the edge of the wood. Where's the spy?" demanded Marion, draw ing rein in the very heart of the group, and on the edge of the bank fifty feet below which flowed the dark waters toward the Ashlev.

The men started from the countenance of their chief, and their tongues seemed incapable of speech. Where's the spy?" thundered the Huguenot.

"I want somebody to answer me!"

Nick o' the Night held his breath when he heard a word fall from the lieutenant's lips. "We brought him to this spot," the officer

mid, coming toward Marion.
"No minute report, Wolcott," interrupted
the Swamp Fox. "Did you hang him?"

The eagle eye of the General swept through

the group.

Where is he!" 'He broke from us when we were binding his hands and leaped to the creek, but before he could spring from the bank, at this very spot he was shot dead!"

A groan escaped the young partisan's lips, and Marion's countenance fell. He was a young Samson," Lieutenant Wol cott resumed. "He struck Gentian and knocked him sixteen feet by actual measurement.

would have saved him; but Rhodes shot too quick." Are you certain that he was killed?" asked Marion "Yes; he said nothing, but reeled and fell

over the bank just like a dead man would fall." No other questions fell from the General's

lips; the lieutenant's last words seemed to satisfy him, for he commanded a return to the camp. I would have saved him," he said to Nick

o' the Night, thus quoting from the lieutenant; "but Rhodes' ball has sealed his doom. Goodby, trooper Nettleton."

CHAPTER XI

BEARDING LIONS IN THEIR DEN. When the partisans reached the greenwood

camp the day was not far distant; but many fell asleep about the smoldering fires, and silence once more reigned in the retreat.

Night was the time when Marion rode to surin his lair during the day, and his troops rest-

"Colonel King will hang Francis Marion ed and prepared for the nocturnal forays that have made them famous.

Nick o' the Night did not sleep. The thought of Jotham Nettleton's fate so fresh in his mind, kept the somnolent god aloof, and he paced up and down before sleeping Marion like a faithful sentinel.

To the chief he had related the incidents which had followed Lancaster Wingdon's moon-lit shot. His trusty horse had borne him unexpectedly into one of Sumter's bivouacs, where the partisan chief lifted him breathless and faint from the blood-stained saddle. The wound was pronounced fatal at the first examination, but the gallant boy showed such rigor that the patriot surgeon did not despair. The recovery, at first slow, was none the less certain. Strong men and kind-hearted watched the wounded youth, and Sumter soon had the pleasure of seeing him on his feet.

There was rejoicing in the "rebel" camp when the young partisan began to walk with out assistance, and when he rode forth to rejoin Marion in the wood many a "God speed you"

followed him.

Lancaster Wingdon had fired too high. The ball striking two inches lower would have stilled his rival's heart.

At the time of Nick o' the Night's return to Marion's camp Helen Latimer was, as the reader knows, an inmate of Fort Dorchester. The youth was not aware of this, for her incarceration was effected while he was convalescing in the midst of Sumter's command, and Corporal Nettleton did not choose to tell him.

But he was soon to learn that she was not at Azalea, and in a manner that resulted in a perious adventure characteristic of the fiery spirit which he possessed.

Marion's command had for some time been idle. The British, not thoroughly recovered from the capture of Colonel Holly, refused to venture far from cover, and the patriots were talking of marching north to join Groome, who was about to give Rawdon battle.

The young partisan's soul thirsted for excitement, as he had fully recovered from his wound. and he very naturally turned his attention to Laneaster Wingdon, the young Tory, whose shot had almost terminated his existence.

But first he must see Helen Latimer; she must know that he still drew a sword for liberty, and one evening he stole from the green-wood camp unattended and rode in the direc-

tion of Azalea.

The old house looked dark and gloomy in the weird light of the stars, and the youth found the post-office in the oak devoid of a single scrap of paper. Over the scene rested the still ness of the grave; there was no light in the window where often Helen had placed a signal hat communicated important intelligence, and Hugh Latimer's library looked dark and for-

This unnatural aspect puzzled the young free trooper; but after awhile he found himself rapping at the low door of a small cabin, whi as the last of a line of such structures to the left of the house.

The negro quarters!

Presently the voice of a negre from within reached the visitor's ears, and the door opened

autiously and snail-like. "Golly! who 'sturbin' a darkey dis time o' was the inquiry that greeted the boy.

"Me, Nero. I want to ask you about your little mistress." A cry of recognition, fortunately not loud, followed the partisan's speech, and the door

opened far enough to admit of the egress of a able giant. "Golly mighty! dat you, Massa Nick! Why,

dey gone say dat you war dead -dat you neber come back to hunt Missus Helen, who am de pest angel in Souf Carolina. "Hunt up Miss Helen, Nero!" eried Nick o' e Night. "What do you mean? Where is the Night.

your mistress!" "Dat am de question what troubles dis chile. You see, Massa Nick, dat she am gone-been lone gone dese three weeks. Ride off one day with Massa Hugh, and nobody know whar she m—bress her sweet eyes! I tell you, massa, and the slave came nearer and put his hand or he boy's hip with an air of confidence, dem niggers what hab an opinion That high-flung young fellah, Massa Wingdon, been comin' to de plantation, an' him an' Masa Hugh been talkin' late o' nights in de library He knows whar Missus Helen is, an' he am de

operatist in de case. Dat am de 'pinion ob dis culled chile, an' thar be oder niggers on de plantation what coincides. Nick o' the Night heard the slave through without an interruption. At the mention of his rival's name he gritted his teeth, and cast an involuntary look over his shoulder toward

the Tory estate. what direction did Hugh Latimer and Helen ride?"

'To'ds de fort—Fort Do'chestah." A flush of indignation swept over the young

orseman's face. When was the young Tory here!"

"Him an' his father an' Massa Hugh had a long talk in de library last night. Dey didn't eparate till de niggers was in de cabins, but dischile watched 'em ride away. Nick o' the Night straightened himself in the

"Don't say that I was here, Nero," he said to the darkey. "Keep your eyes open, and send word to the camps when you have anything important to communicate.

"De Lord willin', dis chile will stand by de cause," said Nere. "Is you gwine to De'chestah?

16 NO 01 The head of Santes was turned toward the "Gwine to Massa Wingdon's house!" in

quired the inquisitive black.
"Yes. Good-by, Nero; watch! let eternal

vigilance be the price of liberty.' The next moment the horse galloped off, and the negro was looking after him with eyes full

of amazement. "Golly! dat boy gwine to Wingdon, whan Massa Hugh am at dis blessed minnit? Dar'll be de debbil to pay if he meet de Tories on dere own grounds. Isn't dis chile glad dat he isn't de boy what ebery redcoat and Tory jacket in

Souf Carolina is huntin'?" With this reflection Nero, the patriot darkey, retreated into the cabin and shut the door. Nicholas Brandon told the truth when he as

sured the negro that the Tory home was his destination. When he left Marion's camp Azalea was the objective point; but balked in the outset of his expedition—having failed to meet Helen Latimer -- it was with flashing eyes and quivering lips that he guided his horse toward the well-known home of the Wingdons. Lancaster, the son, was there, and from him

he would wring the whereabouts of the patriot girl. Perhaps he would take vengeance for the The two plantations were not far apart, and

the night rider soon drew rein in the grove that graced the front of the Wingdon home. Leaving Santee and his canine companion prise and victory. Like the lion, he remained among the trees, he approached the building, in an upper window of which shone a light.

"That is the library of the younger Wingdon—the young Tory's nest," said the boy in a whisper, and a moment later he found himself in the spacious and darkened hall.

Not unknown to the young intruder was the interior of the Tory mansion. He lifted his sword as he climbed the stairs without noise, and pushed down a long corridor toward a light that seemed to shine through a keyhole. At length he stood before the door in a lis-

tening attitude. A sound like the voice of a person reading in the room beyond the closed portal fell upon his ears, and he touched the bronzed knob with a motion of eagerness.

The next instant he had opened the door, and was standing face to face with three per-

Hugh Latimer, Essex Wingdon and his Hotspurian son! Each, upon the opening of the portal, had leaped to his feet, and was staring at the unexpected intruder.

The terrible silence that reigned—for silence at such moments is terrible—was broken by the ring of swords.

'We have you now!" cried the younge Wingdon, coming forward as the young partisan's saber flashed from its scabbard. "You did not expect to run into such a nest of loyal ists. I heard yesterday that my bullet failed to do its work; but the swords of the king will not forget their cunning. Stand back! I am a match for the young rebel imp who has sought o die in this abode of lovalty.

The young Hotspur's last words were addressed to his father and Hugh Latimer, who were crowding forward with naked weapons, and looks of hate not unmingled with triumpl "One at a time-or three if you like!" eried

the patriot youth. "I am here to fight!" There was the meeting of sword and saber, and the impetuosity that burned in Lancaste Wingdon's breast forced the calmer boy from the room and into the hall.

He proved himself an expert with the cavalryman's favorite weapon, while the young Tory, who was a good fencer, displayed much skill with the sword that rung like a genuine Damaseus blade.

Thrust and parry, parry, thrust and blow! Essex Wingdon held the lamp above his head, and thus lit up the hall that resounded

with the noise of the well-contested field. But at last a blow from the partisan's saber ent his enemy's weapon from his grasp, and the next moment the young Tory's left arm fell limp at his side—cut through—through sinews, arteries and bone!

A cry of pain followed the sudden blow; the wounded youth sunk to the floor, and the victor, with no time for self-congratulations, ound himself retreating before the swords of

the remaining Tories. The blows came thick and fast—mad, impetuous blows. They showed that Tory blood was hot as boiling water.

Down the stair, with his face to the foe, the

oung partisan retreated—yielding ground inch Escape was now his object. He could not reach the bodies of his antagonists, ould parry their impetuous onslaughts, and he

heard their pantings and fierce oaths. Still down the stair he went, nearer safety and unhurt. All at ones he heard a wild cry that was an oath. Looking up, almost directly overhead, he descried Lancaster Wingdon leaning over

There was a ghastly object in his uplifted hand—something pale and dripping with blood It looked like an arm; it was an arm—the member lately severed by the saber!

Such a sight appalled the boy. It was enough to thicken the blood of the stoutest Lancaster Wingdon himself looked like

naniac. The spectacle had drawn the eyes of the two Tories from their antagonist, his from them.

The horrible tableau was abruptly broken be-

fore it had lasted half a minute Nick o' the Night saw the uplifted hand deame down upon him like a thunderbolt. He tried to dodge the terrible missile, but in vain. It struck him full in the face, and dashed him to the bottom of the stairs!

Slightly stunned, and fortunately but little bruised, Nick o' the Night sprung to his feet and pushed aside the door. As he did so he neard a cry from above.

Lancaster Wingdon had fainted from sheer The victor lost no time. He leaned from the house and gained his horse. Springing into the saddle, he struck Santee with the spurs and rode way as if a squadron of demons was at his

There was blood on his face, but not his own. It was the warm blood of Lancaster Wingdon, the young Tory.

CHAPTER XII.

A STARTLING ABDUCTION.

WHILE Nick o' the Nick was riding from the Tory mansion and trying to shut from his sight he terrible termination of the combat on the stairs, Essex Wingdon, mounted on the fleet-est horse in his stables, was hurrying toward

Hugh Latimer, who possessed some knowledge of surgery, had staunched the flow of blood from the young Tory's severed member—his good left arm; but the presence of a surgeon was needed at Wingdon Hall. The father, carful that his impetuous son might die, did not spare his horse, which reeking with foam and sweat, bore him into the British fort.

Colonel King was roused from a sound sleen by the Tory's hasty raps, and in turn roused the post surgeon. In a few words, Essex Wingdon narrated the story of the bloody battle in

"Are you certain it was that devilish boy?" asked King.
He is the only boy in America who

would beard the Wingdon lion in his den!" was "Then he is not dead."

"Dead! I should say that he is animated by the most daring spirit I have ever heard of."

The Tory could not withhold praise from his "We must catch him?" said the surgeon, with

determination. "Or kill him. A determined fellow is now on his track—a trooper, animated by private revenge. Jotham Nettleton will not spare

Essex Wingdon swore at the mention of the trooper's name "And I will kill trooper Nettleton if he ever

crosses my path!" he said. "The other night, disguised as a partisan, he caught my son, and, ving him to a tree, whipped him unmercifully A man of such miserable revenges is not fit to live—much less to be a British soldier. 'Are you certain it was Nettleton?"

"Certain! Did not my boy find at the foot of the tree a card, bearing his name?—his card, beyond all doubt."

King was silent for a moment. "I'll have him court-martialed when he returns to the command!" he said.

"And after the trial I will kill him. A Wingdon whipped like a dog-whipped with birches like a criminal at the whipping-post? The thought thickens my blood of fifty years. I will wipe out the indignity with the life of the

red-coated coward who did the injury!" a relief to the commandant when the surgeon admonished him that his son required imme-

diate surgical aid. Bidding King a hasty good-night, the Tory rode from Dorchester, and guided the army Es-

culapius to the bedside of his son. 'A terrible cut," said the surgeon, looking up from his diagnosis. "A strong constitution may bring the young man through." Though the opinion was delivered in a whis-

per, it had not escaped the keen ears of the pa-"It will bring me through!" he said, determinedly. "I will not die! My right arm shall prove a thunderbolt of vengeance to two per-

Exhausted by the few words that overstrained his nervous system, the young Tory fell back in a syncope, and the surgeon smiled at the two

men who stood by the couch. "He has back-bone!" he said. "I've known a desire for vengeance to perform miracles in

The loss of blood was against the youth's reovery, and to add to his misfortune, the arm vas re-amputated by the surgeon at a place

After that he fell into a sound sleep. (To be continued—commenced in No. 322

LEONA.

BY F. X. HALIFAX. Leona, Leona, for thee

Leona, Leona, for thee
My heart is aching,
My heart is breaking,
For I hear the low sough of the sea,
Moaning low on the sands: and the waves are aflame
In the glamor of sunset; the moon I behold
Swinging low in the east, and a pathway of gold
Is leading from here to her throne.
And I am alone 'mid the Florida flowers;
'Mid the sweetest, completest landscape in the world;
Dreaming away the heavenly hours.
While the bluest of skies above is unfurled,
While the bluest of skies above is unfurled,
While the bluest of waters are stretching away;
Stretching away on the right to the sea,
Stretching away on the left to the bay—
The fairest and rarest of visions for me.
And yet amid this I am dreaming of thee,
And the palms are not here, and the flowers are

or my heart is away with the little one.

ly heart is away in the frozen north, Where the blood runs cold and the oak trees grow; nd I hear the shrieking winds come forth; And the storms are above, and the snows are be-

And the storms are above, and the snows are below.

And I'm at the little white house on the square,
The little white house with windows green,
and my heart is beating, is beating a tune,
as I look through the window and see the moon,
And all the grand things of a mid-winter scene.
But I turn from them all to the maiden there,
And I look in her eyes, and I whisper low,
And then I take her two hands in my hand—
Ahl to be once more in that frozen land,
Where the blood runs cold and the oak trees grow.

But, ah! 'tis all over—the dream that I dreamed— And the palms are here, and the sea is there; and the fairest and rarest landscape in the world. Is stretching away in the tropical air. and I must arise, for I'm not where I seemed, And go to the town at the head of the bay, th! though we may meet no more upon earth, We will meet at the bar of God some day.

Base-Ball.

BY HENRY CHADWICK.

THE PROFESSIONAL ARENA. THE campaign of 1876 is progressing finely, ome splendid displays of the beauties of the ame having thus far marked the contests in he professional arena, as the appended records ery plainly show. Thus far the West has aken the lead in the record of the best aveests having taken place in Cincinnati and St. Louis recently, the most noteworthy being the remarkable game in St. Louis on May 5th.

hich was marked by the following score: Cuthbert, 1 f.0 1 2 0 arnes, 2d b.0 Clapp, c ... McGeary, 2b.0 Total....0 2 27 17 8 Total....1 7 27 11 3

The great game in the East was the twelveinnings contest of May 2d which took place on the Union grounds, Brooklyn.

In 1875 several phenomenal games were laved on the Union grounds, in which the rinning scores did not exceed three runs, and ome were marked by an excess of innings, as he record below shows:

May 21, Hartford vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn 1 . 8, Mutual vs. Chicago, at Brooklyn (101). 1
5, Hartford vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn (101). 1
90, Hartford vs. Atlantic, at Brooklyn . 2
14, Mutual vs. Philadelphis, at Brooklyn . 2
45, Louis vs. Atlantic, at Brooklyn . 2 May 31, Hartford vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn. ... 2 1
May 31, Hartford vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn. ... 3 1
Aug. 7, Hartford vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn (111.) 3 1
Aug. 24, Hartford vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn (131.) 9
July 13, St. Louis vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn (131.) 9

None of the above approached the contest of May 2, 1876, in the degree of skill exhibited, the excitement created, or in the order and deportment of the contesting nines, the game in nestion being probably the finest ever witnessed on the Union Ball Grounds. The score be-

ow gives the figures: MUTUAL ATHLETIC.

R. B. P. A. E.

4 4 1 Force, s. s. 0 0 2 5 0

3 0 Eggler, c.f. 0 2 5 0 1

8 0 1 Fisler, ib .0 114 0 1

0 4 1 Meyerle, r.f. 0 1 3 0 0

10 0 9 Sutton, 3b ... 1 1 2 1 0

3 0 0 Coons, c ... 0 4 0 2

5 0 0 Heil 1 f ... 0 1 2 0 0

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10 36 12 18 Total 2 9 36 14 5
INNINGS.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Mutual 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2—3
Athletic ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 2
First base by errors—Mutual 3; Athletic, 3. Runs
earned—Mutual, 2; Athletic, 0. Balls called—on
Matthews, 25; on Knight, 22. Strikes called—from
fatthews, 25; from Knight, 18. Foul hits—off Mathews, 45; off Knight, 20. Umpire—Mr. Barton, of
he Arlington Club. Time 2h, 15m. was 6 to 3.

There is a decided change of base in the govrnment of the Union Ball Grounds, in Brooklyn, this season, and with it has come a marked eformation in the play of the Mutual nine. Jp to 1875 there existed on these grounds a cetting exchange. This has been done away with, and a rule established and duly enforced prohibiting all open betting on the

grounds, under penalty of immediate ejection from the inclosure. Then, too, the change in the play of the Mutual nine is marked, the new team having settled down to the determination of doing their best to win all the time, and to strive to play their games under the playing-for-the-side system. Already the base-ball public are beginning to recognize these important changes, and to notice their The Tory was burning with passion. Proud of his name, he felt deeply insulted, and it was long before the Mutuals will have, under this new era of things, their old-time gatherings of

interested spectators. The Chicago reporters are evidently profit-ing by our advice to them. They talk more reasonably about the Whites than they used to, don't puff them up so fearfully when they vin, and do not abuse them like roughs when they lose. The Post says, in commenting on the 1 to 0 defeat, that, "Every club must be beaten occasionally. Take the case of the White Stockings thus far: They have won four ames and lost one, and will do remarkably vell if they keep anywhere near that average

hroughout the season," We have even hopes of reforming the hired nan of the St. Louis Republican and learning im to keep to the truth, even if he does sell imself to the Browns for \$125 benefits.

The play in the professional arena thus far as been remarkable. The season's campaign egan only on April 22, and though to-day is out the 8th of May, a glance at the record of model games played by the professional clubs within that period will suffice to show that he season's play thus far presents scores which he best games of last season do not excel; and t must be borne in mind, too, that this is the product of the first month's play of the season, nd not the result of three months' efficient ractice and training in playing championship matches, as was the case when the best-played games of 1875 occurred. The April average of 1875 was nine runs and over for the win ning teams, and three and over for the losing, he best average of that season-in Augustbeing 7 and 9 over, and 2.29, while the April average of 1876 is 7 and 5 over for the winning nines and 2 and 9 for the losing, thus ex-

elling the best averages on record. The record of model games up to May 9th,

inclusive, is as follows:	170-
St. Louis vs. Chicago	1
Cincinnati vs. St. Louis Mutual vs. Athletic (12 innings)	2
Hartford vs. Boston (10 innings)	2
Unicago vs. St. Louis	2
Cincinnati vs. Louisville.	3
Chicago vs. Louisville	4
Boston vs. Hartford (11 innings). Hartford vs. Mutual	. 4
Mutual vs. Boston	10000
Cincinnati vs. St. Louis	5
Unicago vs. Buckeve	15
St. Louis vs. Louisville	6
Boston vs. Athletic Hartford vs. Athletic	6
Athletic vs. Mutual	6
boston vs. mutual	7
Mutual vs. Hartford	8
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single-figure games in which the New Haven and Philadelphia Clubs have taken part with

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The League pennant contests up to May 9th hows the following record of victories and

1 1 3 4 4 5 4 4 28 We notice that out West, as well as in the East, the players are often charged with poor atting, when single figures only are scored.
The fact is, the small scores, as a general thing, retty conclusively that the fielding has been barp and the pitching pretty accurate; and therefore the batting must have been remarkably good indeed to have obtained base-hits, whereas double-figure scores invariably show ooor fielding, if not wild pitching, and in such ase it is not skill at the bat which secures

other runs or base-hits.

THE AMATEUR ARENA. The best amateur game of the season was

that played in Hartford, May 6th, of which the score was as follows: CHARTER OAK. TRINITY COLLEGE. Manning, 2b.0 Kmox, 3d b. 0 0 2 1 Namsey, c. f.1 1 3 1 Frisbie, s. s. 0 1 1 4 Rooney, l. f. 0 0 0 0 Cornish, 1b. 0 1 10 1 Riley, c.....0 0 7 0 5 Campbell, r.f. 0 0 1 0 Batters n, rf. 1 1 2 0 0 Stark, s. s. ... 0 1 1 6

In California they had a good game in San Francisco, April 28d, the score of which we

append: CENTENNIAL ALERT. 1 Blakeson, 1b 2 .0 1 2 2 Coyne, r.f. ... 1 1 2 0 .0 0 11 0 Williams, c.f. .. 0 0 3 0 Walker, 1b. 7 8 27 12 Total 5 4 27 7

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The best games in Brooklyn this season were

the Alaska and Nameless contest of May 6th

marked by a score of 5 to 4, and that between

the Chelseas and Brooklyns, the score of which



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Sunshine Papers.

Connubial Views of Strictly Domestic Shams.

THEY were just home from a reception, and it was quite after midnight. She stood before the dressing-case, divesting herself of finery and false hair. Her face was shadowed with weariness and limned with discontent; Mrs. owie had worn a silk the color of her own and more handsomely made. He threw his dress-suit over a chair, his boots in a corner, and himself upon the bed; this last with a dreadfully improper expression, evidently addressed to something somewhere about the bed. He lay quite still there, with his head slightly elevated by his hands, and a very thoughtful expression upon his face as he watched her. Presently the finery was all in its place and the small quantity of hair not consigned to a drawer was nicely wound at the back of her head, in a little knob with a general resemblance to a horn-button, and she turned toward him. Then she stopped, exclaiming, with ireful eyes and severe expres-

"William Wrinkle, you are the most aggravating man in all the world!"

"My love," he commenced, amiably—men always say "my love" to their wives, and say it amiably, when they are just ready for a little dissension—"I had no idea you were prepared to speak so decidedly upon so vast a subject. But will you tell me what is the mat-ter?' This last with wicked assumption of in-

"Matter! You have gone to bed upon the shams, and now they will have to be done up, and I do believe you did it purposely!"

these confounded things out of the way by bedtime I should go to bed on them. Now, if you will be so kind as to remove them, I think Those five minutes of waiting are deemed

Mrs. Wrinkle tossed the rumpled shams upon the floor, sarcastically remarking that as Mr.

Wrinkle was always grumbling upon the amount of the laundress' bills, he might be glad to know that his little bit of spitefulness would only cost him a dollar and a half.

Is that all, my dear?" he asked, with serene obliviousness of the spirit of her information.
"And will you enlighten me as to how often a dollar and a half has to be spent upon them?" "Not oftener than once in two months, when they are handled with care," Mrs. Wrinkle replied, with covert rebuke.

"Nine dollars a year, eh? Why, the plaguey things are the cheapest shams of which I know," announced the impregnable Mr. Wrinkle. "So long as you will keep them out of the way when a man wants to go to bed, you can load your pillows with them. Only nine dollars a year—why, Mrs. Wrinkle, you cost me nearly that a day!"
"I—I, Mr. Wrinkle? I believe we were

speaking of shams?"—with great indigna-

"Yes, we were, and I have arrived at the conclusion that of domestic shams, these little muslin deceptions that I have just treated so shabbily, are the most simple, harmless, and inexpensive; while one's wife takes the lead for elaborateness, false pretensions, and costliness. Not, my dear," he says, apologetically perhaps with a sudden reminder of the conti guity of her hand and his head, "that I would intimate, even after a solemn survey of the mysteries of your evening 'make up,' that you are nearly as much of a sham as some women Yet one cannot help speculating as to how many of one's fair female acquaintances would be recognizable en dishabille. What a change there would be in the spirit of one's dreams, and one's expense accounts, if one's feminine dependents were innocent of Lubin's powder, lily white, bloom of youth, milk of roses, Parisian water, pearl powder, pas-tilles, creams, dyes, several hundred dollars' worth of false hair, hair-dresser's fees, and the exorbitant demands of the modiste, who suggests every kind of device for disguising the figure from the head to the heels, and turns out her victims miracles of art! Ten times to one when a woman is complimented, the sweet flatteries are the just dues of her hair-dresser or mantua-maker; and, oh! whew! the frightful cost of the jewels and laces that Mrs. Shoddie and Mrs. Blueblood alike affect and exhibit, in order to gain social prestige; and the dresses that do serve but for a night; which is the most expensive and senseless item of all. I never could understand why a woman should wear a new dress every time she goes to an entertainment."

I have told you why, many times, Mr. Wrinkle," acidly interposes his wife. "If a lady wears a costume the second time people will surely set her down as strong-minded or

as having a poor husband!"
"Well, my dear, I doubt if half the harmever came from either of those deductions that has come from the inroads upon a man's for-tune made by this incessant demand of women for new dresses. A fine costume should be of use to a lady twice or thrice, at least, in my opinion; and I, for one, should admire a woman 'strong-minded' enough to wear it for a whole season. A woman's dress becomes prononce at one wearing, did you say? And o it should; it should be so prononce in its perfect harmony with the person adorning it as to render it impossible to disassociate dress and wearer in the impression left upon the be-holder's mind, and to create a desire to see the person again and again as in that pleasurable memory. But, if women will not take such an artistic view of matters, they might take a sensible view. A man wears his dress-suit through a season, why should not his wife do likewise, tell me that, Mrs. Wrinkle?"

"I shall tell you nothing!"—in a voice suspiciously damp. "You are a sclish, unreasonable man! And I will never go out again if you begrudge me even a decent dress!"
"You know that I begrudge you nothing-

that I desire to fulfill all your wishes. I am merely theorizing, my love!" A thoroughly diplomatic and husband-like explanation. 'Cannot a man express his opinion that of many fashionable follies this being ashamed to be seen in the same costume twice is one of the most senseless and harmful, since the wife's whim is often gratified at the cost of the husband's failure or dishonesty, business safety or loss of honor, or the fashionable show made at the expense of many sacrificed home-pleasures and comforts?"

"You can express all the opinions you choose; but if you are only theorizing I would like you to save the theories for some one else and let me get asleep. And, oh, dear, dear! I wonder if the cook has given the order for breakfast. I quite forgot it. I hope she remembered that I get no porter-house steaks. To think, when I am continually economizing, that you should grumble about the money I spend to dress well!"

And she sleeps and dreams of a dress she can never wear again because Mrs Showie has one like it; and he sleeps and dreams of some happy accident that enables him to breakfast downtown where he gets his dinners and suppers. Both visions being nearly akin to the last waking thoughts of Mr. and Mrs. Wrinkle. A PARSON'S DAUGHTER.

IMPATIENCE.

THE great need of the day and hour is pa ience, and when this need is vouchsafed us, the world will jog along better, and we shall live longer, wiser, and to a higher purpose.
Children are impatient for their holidays:

impatient for their school exhibitions when they can show off their accomplishments and their good clothes at the same time. Once let the word go forth that an exhibition is to be given, then farewell to study. The scholars are drilled in set speeches, and maybe a few set lessons. The visitors arrive, are high in their praises-"never saw so much improvement in their lives," and so forth. All seem to forget that in "getting ready for an exhibithe real education is fergotten-that much of the time spent in this drilling for show ought to have been used to better advan-

tage over their books and study.
Our reading public are impatient; they cannot read a story through so as to obtain all the sense; they must "hurry and scurry" un-til they get at the plot, and then skip dozens of pages to see how it is all "going to turn out." The descriptive passages are voted to be "bores" and all the finer portions are yawned over. They must have excitement in every chapter; there must be no "let up" on the interest; so our good authors must "pile on the agony"—cram as much incident in one novel as should serve for three or four.

Lovers are impatient. They want to hear "Have I not told you, a thousand and one from Edgar or Miranda four or five times a times, Mrs. Wrinkle, that if you did not get day. If either is late five minutes in keeping hours of agony, and each thinks that no be-

Everybody is impatient to get rich at once to jump into a gold mine without working festing their joy over their prince's visit, as all well-regulated subjects ought to do. —to jump into a gold mine without working away with the pick and shovel; they cannot en-dure to go plodding slowly and surely; thay want to travel with the speed of a "Dexter into sudden wealth, some scarcely caring how such wealth is obtained-whether honorably or dishonorably—so long as it is obtained. It is not a very pleasant subject to dwell upon and so we will dismiss it.

Conductors of cars and captains of steam-boats are impatient to be at their journey's end and so steam is put on until the train or steamboat is nothing but a wreck. It is "headlong speed"—"fearful accident"—"no one to blame"—the conductor or captain ar-

rives at his journey's end, but that end is death—as far as this life is concerned—and we cannot probe into the future. But people seem to want to probe into the future and are so impatient for that future to arrive that they visit "fortune tellers" and "second-sight seers" who know as much about the future as they do themselves. Why do they do so? Their excuse is that "there is some satisfaction in knowing what is to transpire." I wonder if there is much satisfaction in knowing that one

has been gulled? Young people are impatient to rush into print, never thinking whether they have anything to say that the public will care to read. They send their effusions—or confusions, if you think that word more appropriate—and before there is time for the editor to get a chance to read the manuscript they are impacient enough to write a letter, demanding to

know "what has become of my article?"

People are too impatient in letter-writing and will not read their missives over before they drop them in the letter-boxes. They will not stop to correct or punctuate. They are not patient enough for that, and so they send off their hastily-written scrawls with the postcript of, "Please excuse errors; I have written in great haste and haven't time to copy." Such indifference, at times, is more than insulting. I'm not writing so much con-cerning letters by those who really are pressed for time, but those who can and should use more care and patience. EVE LAWLESS.

Foolscap Papers.

Prince of Wales' Swing Around the Circle.

HAVING received an invitation to accom oany the Prince of Wales to India, I took a clean handkerchief and started, promising to telegraph back to the S. J. at great expense and slaughter by way of the Suez canal and the Erie canal.

I have long known the prince just as well as if I had been acquainted with him, and he would not go without me if he never went On the voyage out I was his constant com-panion, and if I happened out of his sight he would come running to hunt me, saying he was an orphan and away from home and wanted me to still linger near him.

He shared everything with me, and even when he was sea-sick he wanted me to have it, too; he never was so sick since he last got in to the preserve jar; but even his sickness was

When the ship was rolling in a storm I sat on him to hold him down, and prevent him rolling off the deck, and for this he knighted me on the spot as Sir John O'Todd, and made me Chancellor of the Excheckerboard. When our ship ran over an island which the captain didn't see, Wales (I always address him by this) ordered his head and salary to be cut off, so he would be more thoughtful in the fu

In crossing the Arabian sea we had several simoons which the prince commanded to stop, but they wouldn't because they were not on

I always sat at the right hand of Wales at table to see that he got no fish-bones in his throat, and to cheer him up, and to wipe the molasses off his bosom.

wrote all the dispatches which he sent back to his wife. A telegraph cable was attached to the vessel as she sailed. Here are some of the dispatches:

Everything is lovely and the goose is in a state

suspense."
I am all well, and hope to be better to-morrow."
I am going to come back again, so don't apply for "Ta, awfully ta."
"I am now sound asleep dreaming of you."
"I will be home the moment I return, or sooner."

The prince greatly prefers voyaging on land,

as it is safer sailing.

We were received at Bombay by a royal salute from the bombazine. Wales was lifted off the boat by a derrick so his feet would not ouch the plank; and then came such a scramble by the native hack-drivers and hotel-porters as you never saw. They snatched at his valise and dragged at him until between them all he was nearly pulled in two; each hotel-runner wanted to take him to the cheapest place, and the porters wanted to carry his valise for a shilling.

Presently the governor general came running down from a late dinner and restored order; and welcomed me in a speech which he had greatly forgotten, when I told him of his

Wales laughed and said the mistake was very easily made, as we resembled each other

very much, both having corns.

The governor hailed a hack and said we must all go up to his house and have dinner, as there was some left. He had heard we were coming, but did not exactly know the day or he would have been better prepared. How-ever, we had a plentiful meal, consisting of elephant-steaks, fried and broiled; lion, roast; crocodile, stuffed; tiger, hashed; dromedary, boiled; and monkey, sliced; then a servant picked Wales' teeth, and we had peanuts and an after-dinner chat, the g. g. asking the prince about his mother and the rest of the family.

Then the prince put on his old boots and old clothes and we went a-fishing. I had to put the worms on his hook, but he did the spitting. He always jerked too soon, and so didn't catch a fish. The g. g. was much mortified over this act of disloyalty on the part of the catch a fish. fish, and apologised to the prince in humble terms. The prince was accepting the apology in a speech, when he slipped off the log and would not have got wet if there had been no water under the log.

We returned with a long procession following us, which looked like one of Barnum's entries into town, and after a lunch on cold chimpanzee the g. g. hitched up a couple of elephants to his buggy and he and the prince and I started out to view the town. The natives, with or without costumes thronged the gorgeous streets on all sides, kicking up their ls, shouting for their future king, standing on their heads, stealing peanuts, picking pock ets, running into saloons to get another drink. beating on pine store-boxes with clubs, playing jewsharps, knocking over apple-stands, and very naturally so, too, so tripping each other up, and otherwise mani- about two hundred pounds.

Such gorgeous gorgeousity was never be-fore displayed. Everything was decked for the occasion in great splendor. Even the holes in the windows were stuffed with brilliant rags, and the washings which hung out

were glorious to behold.

Everything was so dazzling that the whole party had to stop and purchase goggles before we could proceed, and then it was necessary to keep our eyes closed most of the time. The prince slapped me on the back, knocking the breath out of me, and exclaimed:
"Wash, isn't this hunkidorium in the ex-

treme? Could tongue write, or pen utter the fourth of it? As the queen of Sheba remarked: 'This knocks the socks off of everything ever beholded '"

I told him it was.

He said he was getting tired of all this splendor and offered to let me take his place and receive the honors, while he went back to his boarding-house, but I wouldn't let him do so. I told him he ought to be glad that he was the son of his mother, and he said he

The music that preceded us was enchanting, and consisted of seventeen bass drums, nine-teen gongs and a fife, all on elephants, with fire-crackers tied to their tails and ribbons in

So brilliant was the pageant with crimson and gold that the alarm of fire was raised, the fire-bells rung, the engines turned out and squirted water over everybody and every-thing; even the sun went down when he saw there was no use for him to stay up and

(This dispatch costs fifty dollars a word; at that rate if I attempt to describe this glorious cene in detail it would be too expensive. It will be cheaper for the reader to shut his eyes for an hour and twenty minutes and draw a

picture of it in imagination or crayon.)

In the evening we went to the varieties on free passes to see the Clack Brook.

Wales had bowed so much during the day and evening that when he went to bed at night his head kept going up and down so nuch I found it necessary to put a heavy pillow on it to keep it still.

WASHINGTON WHITEHORN.

Topics of the Time.

-ALL the Rothschild children are taught some —All the Rothschild children are taught some useful profession, as a security against the reverses of fortune, and Mile. Bettina de Rothschild, the lately-married daughter of the head of the Paris house, at the age of sixteen successfully passed the examination for teacher at the Hotel de Ville. She brought a dowry of 12,000,000 francs to her husband. The thrift of this great family of Jews is due not so much to their superior sagacity as to their indomitable industry. Their eagerness for gain and profit makes men perior sagacity as to their indomitable industry. Their eagerness for gain and profit makes men and women alike money-getters. To keep this money all in the family they very closely intermarry. The late Baron Nathan married his own niece and his children by her are now marrying their cousins. It is evident that with two or three generations of such intermarriages the Rothschild trait will become a blood strain or family stamp. As embodiments of the principle of acquisitiveness their race now is celebrated.

—Talking of the Rothschilds suggests their great American competitor in the race for riches—the late A. T. Stewart—whose extraordinary success was due, very largely, to his unremitting

es—the late A. T. Stewart—whose extraordinary success was due, very largely, to his unremitting attention to the detail of every transaction, and to the uniform principle of making every purchaser of his goods actiafied. His sales were made upon an absolute basis of three elements—truth, courtesy, and a good bargain. He gave the buyer all the advantage of his own skill in selecting goods and his command of the market—he let the buyer know politely, and not obtrusively, what it was he was buying, and then he took for himself the fair profit which he always meant to get. He had great difficulty in compelling his salesmen to be as civil to poor Bridget, who bought a nine-penny calico, as to Mrs. Knickerbocker, who spent \$1,000 in a single visit—buthe did secure that equal civility at last, and he prof-

did secure that equal civility at last, and he profited by it. the "Florida cough," which is regarded by ose who have been abroad as a fine substitute those who have been abroad as a fine substitute for "Roman malaria," so fashionable a few years ago. The Southern malady is supposed to be contracted sitting on the piazza of a Jacksonville hotel, or under the shade of a magnolia. It is to assure the observer that the young lady is, first, a traveler; next that she is "delicate" and therefore refined; and third, that, having been to a Jacksonville hotel, she has rich relatives or great expectations. All young men who hear this cough must understand that it is meant for them, and act accordingly—let the girl alone!

—The German States and Great Britain and Ireland are the champion beer-drinking coun-

Ireland are the champion beer-drinking countries. The average Bavarian consumes, it would tries. The average Davarian consumes, it would seem, about nine times as much beer as the average American—and yet the average Bavarian is an industrious and frugal citizen, who makes little trouble, goes about his work steadily, and performs it quietly. The Bavarian consumes, it would seem, fifty-four and three-quarters gallons of beer in the course of the year. Making due allowance for children, women, men who do not drink, etc., it is probable that the ordi-nary Bavarian beer-drinker consumes about one hundred and seventy-five gallons a year, or, say, half a gallon a day. We know of Americans who can stand even that, but here they go by the name of human swine, and well deserve the ap-

-A large woman in France, where women have - Alarge woman in France, where women have a taste for the becoming in dress conferred upon them by Providence, wears ample draperes, loosely-fitting garments, and a corset which loes her the best possible service, for it makes her look and feel quite at her ease—no laborbreathing-no unnatural redness-no fear o uffocation; she is simply a large, beautiful ob-ect, instead of a pillow tied in the middle, with general air of asphyxia. Large women should remember that no tight lacing makes them look any smaller. Age, which reduces everything else, is apt to add on to the figure of woman, and time brings on undesirable stoutness. This can-not be better treated than it was by the late Duchess of Devonshire, one of the most beauti-Duchess of Devonshire, one of the most beautiful of women, who grew at forty, as English women are apt to do, very stout. "How have you kept your complexion so pure, my dear duchess?" said one of her fellow ladies-in-waiting at the court of Queen Victoria. "By dressing at ease and keeping my temper," said the handsome duchess. American matrons, on the stows side of forty, will take a suggestion!

—It is considered indispensable that ladies in--It is considered indispensable that ladies in-

troduced at Queen Victoria's court receptions shall wear very low-bodied dresses. Just before shall wear very low-bodied dresses. Just before the last drawing-room, Lady —, wife of a distinguished nobleman, wrote to the lord chamberlain, saying that she had recently been ill and her shoulders had become so thin that she was ashamed to show them! The chamberlain, knowing how strict the queen was, referred the matter to her, and a grand consultation was held. After a long and serious debate, the lord chamberlain was instructed to write to the petitioning lady that her majesty would for once give her consent to the innovation, but it was intimated that the dress must be a compromise, that is cut down in front. The court papers referred vaguely to this exception to the rules of court dress, by to this exception to the rules of court dress, stating that it was by her majesty's gracious and special concession, in order that it might not become a precedent! Skinny necks and scrawny shoulders are not to the one of the taste evidently. ulders are not to the queen's taste, evide and very naturally so, too, seeing that she weighs

Readers and Contributors.

Declined: "The Assassin's Foot;" "The Deserted Declined: "The Assassin's Foot, American Homestead;" "Rain in the Heart;" "Preme Prome;" "The Last of My Friends;" "Odd;" Scion at Home;" "When May Meets June;" Mad Girl;" "Rosemary;" "Spring Again."

Accepted: "While the World Goes On;" "Dream f Pearls;" "Two Songs;" "Trailing Arbutus; Jennie;" "The Weaver;" "The Phantom Train How Cap Lollard, etc.;" "Spring's Awakening;

We must again warn correspondents to prepay heir postage in /ull. The mails almost daily bring is letters marked "8c. due," "6c. due," "9c. due, to. If we refuse such communications correspondents alone are to blame.

O. M. The recent death of the popular contri-or, George L. Aiken, will prevent the fulfillment his design to carry Fergus Fearnaught through school-days. We have a new serial in hand from Aiken—the last work of his busy pen, which we give, ere long—a boy's story.

J. L. H., Tabor P. O., Neb. We have no agents hose subscribing for this paper, to professed agents, must look to those third parties. As a rule emand createntials of all persons receiving money or publisher.

J. F. McF. The series of "Great Americans," ommencing with George Washington (now ready), and including (as announced) John Paul Jones, Mad anthony Wayne, Ethan Allen, etc., etc., will issue bout monthly. The first is now ready. They will onstitute a remarkably cheap and admirable ligrary.

S. O. B. We have nothing in hand at present from the author named.

T. C. E. We do not know the lady's address. Miss P. M. Chin dimples denote amiability and a

J. W. Printers do no better in New York than hiladelphia.—We are glad to know "The Three ses" strikes you as being an admirable work of -Thanks for your good offices.

S. We cannot give you the address of the company. As they have been requested to e some announcement and fail to do so, we can no information for them.

C. E. Sympathize with your necessities as we it would be inexcusable folly in us to permit an or's needs to influence our decisions on contrions. Never urge your MSS. on an editor.

Miss Maplewood. Admit your brother to the party, to obtain his sanction and co-operation. The surprise" will then be better managed. The two ther gentlemen, coming in by his invitation, will to their part all the more confidently.

Kir, Concord. The correspondence may be harm-less enough, but, if you are busy with study, and receive no real benefit from the correspondence, we advise you to take your brother's advice. He pro-bably sees the matter in its true light.

DAVID H. W. See notice elsewhere. Write to the parties concerned. A READER, Cleveland, O. We know nothing what ver of the matter. Simply follow your own judg

E. M. If you are pleased it is to the credit of the arty giving you the pleasure.

NAIDA. The piece of money you describe is a grazilian coin, and has no value but for its silver weight.—Mrs. Fleming, you will see by announce-nent, is soon to appear again in the JOURNAL. ment, is soon to appear again in the JOURNAL.

Miss E. D. P. Turning card corners—the upper
left hand corner denotes visite, and is used for an
ordinary call; the upper right hand corner turned
down means felectication, and is for a visit of congratulation; the lower left hand corner, conge, represents a farewell call, and the lower right corner,
condolence, expresses a desire to sympathize with
bereavement. The rule most generally understood
is the turning of one end of the card, which denotes
a wish to see the ladies of the family.

LE Brooklyn, Miss Tiffeny is not Miss but Mrs.

J. R., Brooklyn. Miss Tiffany is not Miss but Mrs. Tiffany. She was formerly Miss Annie Ward. Made her reputation some years since at Wallack's. Married Tiffany and retired, but soon had to take to the stage for a living. She is an excellent actress, in certain lines, and has played quite successfully in the South and West.

they are and be."

WILLIE PADON. Athens was twenty-five miles round, and contained 350,000 citizens, and 400,000 slaves. The Temple of Delphos was so rich in donations that it was plundered of \$300,000, and Nero carried away from it two hundred statues. The walls of Rome were thirteen miles round. We have no walled cities now because they are almost wholly useless against artillery, which can batter them down, or bombard a city from a remote distance. What the ancients wasted in walls we waste in isolated fortifications.

did secure that equal civility at last, and he profited by it.

The most popular fashionable affectation among young ladies ravenous for social notoriety is the "Florida cough," which is regarded by learned professions; in fact, I like one as well as the learned professions; in fact, I like one as well as the other. I am not gifted with extraordinary talent, nor am I deprived of the usual talents granted man. I hold a respectable position in my class, and am very generally liked. What course would you advise me to take in order that I may learn my future vocation?" Many considerations should influence a man starting in life, which must be settled by himself alone; others which should be referred for a man starting in life, which must be settled by himself alone; others which should be referred for decision to his parents or guardians. Health should have a great weight. If you are of full habit, inclined to headaches, avoid the choice of any sedentary profession or business, and endeavor to obtain a position where you can have outdoor employment and exercise. Your present means must also exercise an influence. To enter upon a profession will require years of preparation and long, patient waiting for a practical result. Enter into no course, that must influence your whole future, without serious consideration and the counsel of older friends, who understand your position, capacity and circumstances far better than a mere stranger can possibly do.

ossibly do.

Dombey's Other Son. Diamonds are particles of ure carbon crystallized at a certain temperature, aused by the volcanic action which has upheaved all the ledges of itacolumite or elastic sandstone ound on the face of the globe. If this precise detection is a superior of the same of the globe of the same of se of heat should by any irruption or convulsion nature be applied to those vast store-houses or bon, the coal-fields of the West, there is no tell arbon, the coal-fields of the West, there is no tellng the amount of diamond crystals that might be
produced. But it seems that this exact amount of
teat is never attained save in the itacolumite fornation, and whenever loose diamonds are found in
ands or in conglomerate formations, they prove the
xistence of larger quantities imbedded in itacolunite in the neighborhood. Whenever that formation is upheaved, therefore, we may look for dianond deposits near by.

mond deposits near by.

B. S. C., Orange. In most of the States of our Union, marriage is forbidden between brothers and sisters, half-brothers and half-sisters, step-parents and step-children, parents-in-law and children-in-law, and between a person divorced for adultery and his or her partner in the crime. As heretofore stated by us, first or second cousins can marry; an uncle can marry his niece; a guardian can marry his ward, etc., etc.

can marry his niece; a guardian can marry his ward, etc., etc.

Martin T. L. writes: "I am slightly acquainted with a young lady who is a cousin to a lady once a near friend of my own, and I have taken a great fancy to her. She has never asked me to call on her, as we have lived in far different States, and the only times we met was when I was calling on her cousin. Now I have moved to the city where this young lady lives, would it do for me to call upon her without an invitation? Unless I do, I do not know how I can renew our slight acquaintance. Please advise me." We think you may venture upon a call, some evening or Sunday, but make it as social and pleasing as possible and not very protracted. You can tell the lady that you have done yourself the honor to call since you deem yourself a neighbor, now that you have moved into the same place. You can easily judge by her manner, and whether she invites a repetition of the visit, how she regards your attempt to further the acquaintance.

ance.
"TED." You should request your mother and sister to call upon the young lady now that you are engaged to her. She is quite right in refusing to "seek their acquaintance." It is the place of your family to call first.—Opals are not especially preferable for engagement-rings or wedding presents—though they are exquisitely beautiful—as they are regarded as unlucky stones.

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KITTY A. S. A gentleman who has asked you to be his wife, and then has not written to you in four months, does not deserve a second thought. You are quite right; a girl of eighteen is too young to marry; and then you really would not think of "breaking your mamma's heart?" You will speedly forget this little affair; and in future we would advise you to make your mother your confident in all affaires de cour!

Unanswered questions on hand will appear

WHILE THE WORLD GOES ON.

BY JOHN GOSSIP.

Day breaks and shuts on such dim scenes! Life is so sad and yet so sweet!
Why golden sunlight intervenes
'Twixt life and death, joy and regret— Ah! who can tell? We stop all time.
We hide our faces in our hands;
We sing no songs—earth holds no rhyme
All life has loosed from us its bands.

That other psalms should still be sung, That other glowing dawns should rise, It seemeth cruel; how could tongue So mock our suffering to our eyes? And so, because we cannot see,
We grow perverse and chafe within;
But cease while death's obscurity
Vails others' sight—then join earth's din

And play our old accustomed part
As though our lips breathed never most While they too mourn the world's cold heart.
And grieve their little hour alone!

The Men of '76.

MAD ANTHONY WAYNE, The Pennsylvania Blucher.

BY DR. LOUIS LEGRAND.

In all the history of the War for Independence no name appears on the page more fre than that of Anthony Wayne, and none shines with a clearer luster. Patriotic to the very heart's core, eager for action and duty, the incarnation of fight, with a will as inflexible as steel, he comes to the front on all momentous occasions, in Washington's own command. Wherever he moved, with his disciplined and invincible brigades, there was decisive work to do.

Before the war was half over, "Mad Anthony" and his deeds were subjects of talk in camp and at firesides throughout all the land. enemy found in him that genius for mischief which made his presence the occasion of redoubled vigilance. His record, from the intrepid retreat from Canada, July, 1776, and the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, in 1777, to the flerce conflict with the savages on the Miami, 1794, is one of brilliant activity in the field, or of patriotic endeavor in legis lature, council, and with the people; and in awarding the honors due those who built the edifice of American Freedom, on the brow of Anthony Wayne is placed the wreath of im-

mortelles. Wayne was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, January 1st, 1745. He came of most honorable "blood," and with fair educational advantages, early gave promise of useful manhood. At eighteen he was so well qualified for his chosen profession, that he entered upon the arduous labors of land surveyor, and soon obtained more than a local reputation. He was chosen (1764) by Philadelphia capitalists (Ben Franklin being of the number) to carry forward a scheme for colonizing Nova Scotia, which, under his personal observations and superintendence, gave fine promise of success, but the growing troubles with Great Britain caused an abandonment of the enter prise in 1767.

These troubles so enlisted his attention that he soon became one of the most pronounced advocates of liberty, and as such had grave duties thrust upon him, which cannot here be noted. As a member of the Pennsylvania legislature, from the district of Chester (1774-5), he served with signal credit, and was made a member of the Committee of Public Safety, chosen in the summer of 1775—a very august body of men, to whom was intrusted a great

responsibility.

Foreseeing that a conflict was inevitable, Wayne was very active (1774-5) in organizing and disciplining the militia of his district-at the same time studying zealously to qualify himself for command.

Congress commissioned him colonel, January 8d, 1776, of one of the four regiments then assigned as the quota of Pennsylvania His popularity soon filled up his regiment with first-class recruits, and then commenced a military career which his State and his country may well regard with pride. Proceeding to Canada, he showed his soldierly qualities in the retreat forced by Sir Guy Carleton's capture of General Thompson at Three Rivers (July 4th, 1776) Col. St. Clair, next in command, being wounded, Wayne assumed the direction of affairs, and succeeded, by masterly skill and perseverance, in saving most of the

The post on the Sorrel river now had to be abandoned, and the retreat continued down Lake Champlain—the British pressing Sullivan hard, and relentlessly bent on destroying the whole invading force. Wayne's regiment was the rear guard of that retreat, and it was largely due to his tireless vigilance and pluck that the little army finally reached Crown Point (July 17th), with all its baggage. ended the famous "invasion," devised to add Canada to the American Confederacy, but a failure owing to inadequacy of means and loss of time entailed by the remoteness of the field

of operations. Wayne was now given command of the grim old fortress of Ticonderoga—already so re-nowned in the annals of war—and Congress conferred on him the rank of Brigadier (21st, 1777), as a mark of appreciation of his

But fort life did not comport with his restless spirit. He earnestly sought for service in the main army, under Washington, and in May, 1777, was permitted to join that army at the head of a brigade of the Pennsylvania line. This brigade performed good service in New Jersey, in driving Howe back in his attempt to penetrate the State (June, 1777)-greatly to Washington's admiration. When Howe approached Philadelphia from below, by way of the Chesapeake, the battle of Brandy wine [see sketches of Washington, Greene, La fayette, etc.] followed (Sept. 11th). To Wayne was given the defense of Chad's Ford, and all day long he held Knyphausen's whole division bay, and thus arrested the flank movement designed by Howe to cut off the American re-It was a trying ordeal, nobly sustained, for which all the country was most thankful. Had the British movement been a success, and the American Army then captured, the "rebellion" would there have ended in overwhelm-

ing disaster. Wayne literally saved the day In the new disposition of forces, Wayne was again given the post of danger and honor being ordered to attack Howe, in his position near the Warren tavern, and this attack was just about to be made with daring fury, when a perfect deluge of rain frustrated an enterprise conceived not in desperation, but in the sublime resolution of duty. The rain almost ruined all the ammunition of the American army. This compelled a rapid retreat up the Schuylkill to Parker's Ferry, in which move-ment Wayne had the advance—"feeling for the enemy" all the way—deeply impressed with the army's peril and alert for any con-

ensued is to repeat, to some extent, what has been chronicled in other papers. Wayne was so quick for service that even on the retreat he was ready to assail. To seize the enemy's baggage was a daring exploit confided to the Pennsylvanian, with his brigade now reduced to fifteen hundred men. Recrossing the Schuylkill he took post (Sept. 20th) at Paoli tavern. Traitors informed the enemy of this movement, and this brought the British in force down upon him near midnight. Wayne was forced to cut his way through, with a loss of one hundred and fifty men. For this seeming surprise he asked a court-martial investigation-which was granted, and he was "acquitted with the highest honor."

Howe, possessed of Philadelphia, was under incessant surveillance. In the stroke upon his detachments occupying Germantown, Wayne and Sullivan commanded the American right. At dawn (Oct. 4th, 1777) Wayne's own brigade, under his personal lead, charged the position at Mount Airy, and after a sharp and sanguinary fight, drove the enemy over two miles— the bayonet doing dreadful work. A heavy fog, however, ere long, settled thick over all and so confused movements, that a great vic-tory was lost. Howe had time to push forward powerful reinforcements, and when the fog lifted, at ten o'clock, was discovered in dangerous proximity to the too much scattered Continental regiments. Wayne covered the retreat with consummate strategy, his ar-

tillery soon ended any attempt at pursuit.

In that "winter of discontent' at Valley Forge (1777-8) Wayne's brigade participated, and to it was confided the dangercus and delicate task of foraging on the country for sus-tenance. For a month the brigade scoured through New Jersey, hunted by the vigilant enemy, but never caught, and returned to camp with food enough to give the starving troops new heart and new strength.

Howe's "masterly inactivity" in Philadel-phia was followed by his resignation. In June (1778) Sir Henry Clinton assumed command, with orders to at once evacuate the city and to retire to New York. This movement across "the Jerseys" Washington sought to impede, and struck the enemy's rear at Mon mouth. As detailed, in the sketch of Lafayette, Clinton suddenly turned, and Lee—in command of the American advance—as suddenly retreated. Wayne, with but seven hundred men, having been placed in the extreme advance, was, by that retreat, forced to very sharp fighting. The enemy strove hard to cut off this rear guard, but Wayne's splendid intrepidity preserved his whole command, and when Washington rode forward to arrest the retreat, he found Wayne fiercely contesting a strong position, which he would not give up, and maintained it, much to the Chief's satisfaction and Clinton's discomfiture. The next morning the enemy was gone, and Washing-ton's forces once more concentrated along the Hudson and at White Plains.

By court-martial Lee was suspended from command for one year. Wayne's testimony being very severe upon the general, a sharp correspondence ensued between the two; but Lee, smarting under the implied disgrace, retired permanently from public life, and Wayne never pressed the challenge given in his last

Not to dwell upon minor military moves of the army watching Clinton, during the fall and winter of 1778-9—nor stopping to note Wayne's most important services exerted in Philadelphia to forward the interests of the cause, then imperiled by clamors for peace and failure to provide for the army—we may advert to the brilliant exploit of the storming of Stony Point.

Clinton having secured the strong positions of Verplanck's and Stony Point, on the Hudson, commanding King's ferry, to open that most important thoroughfare Washington called Wayne to his counsels, and a secret assault of the powerful fortress of Stony Point was finally arranged—Wayne, with his newly organized picked "light corps," to do the work. How perilous was the enterprise may be inferred from the order that any soldier retreating one foot would be run through, on the spot, by the officer nearest at hand. The assault was make in two columns, on the night of July 15th, 1779—Wayne heading the right and Col. Butler the left. Not a shot was fired by the assailants. The guard at the base of the hill were bayoneted ere the smoke of their muskets had vanished in air. The fort above opened with grape, but, silent as specters, the two rows of men mounted the steep declivity and then, as they met above, commenced swarming over the walls. A terrible crash of arms followed, but, only for a moment, for the astounded enemy, not bayoneted at their guns, quickly cried for quarter, and that almost impregnable fortress was won. Wayne was struck in the head by a ball, but, though knocked down, was assisted to his feet and lifted by his aids into the works. By his order every one of the garrison, not then slain was spared. The American loss was only fif killed and eighty-three wounded-the British, sixty-three killed and five hundred

and fifty-three prisoners. This exploit filled all the land with Mad Anthony's fame, and baptised his "light corps

with glory.

As the British fleet commanded the river and Fort Lafayette's guns could play on the post, all the splendid guns, munitions and stores of the Stony Point fortress were removed; all the outworks were destroyed; a mine was exploded under the abutments and the position was abandoned (July 18th)—to be repossessed

by the enemy. The straitened circumstances of the country compelled Washington to remain almost who ly on the defensive the rest of this year, and not until May, 1780, did the chief again call Wayne from his home in Chester to the field. In several spirited affairs in New Jersey the enemy were again warned of the prowess of the Pennsylvania brigades. Wayne was with Greene at Springfield, New Jersey, when the treason of Arnold was announced, and, answering to Washington's call, the Pennsylvania troops made a forced march for West Point, to provide for whatever contingency might arise. Wayne was the man for such a

The dismal winter, 1780-81, witnessed the revolt of the Pennsylvania brigades, which for while threatened the gravest consequences but was, by Wayne's influence over the men amicably arranged—most of the men scattering to their homes on furlough. This so dis persed this noted body of troops, that when Wayne was ordered to Virginia, to operate against Cornwallis, only the potency of his name had power to gather the brigades again. In May, 1781, however, they were with Lafayette's army, and gave Cornwallis more than one taste of their quality. At the final siege of Yorktown, Wayne's troops did admirable service and were in the glorious consumma-

Then Wayne went to Greene's aid, in Georgis, where, with a meager force, in five weeks' | you not?"

To follow the maneuvers and conflicts that | time he had the enemy cooped up in Savannah—by a ruse captured a large body of Choctaw Indians going in to aid the British—secured the large pack train—gathered tories and negroes into battalions and made good fighters of them—had a terrible fight with the ombined British and Creek Indians, and scored a signal victory, and was in possession of Savannah July 11th, 1782—all forming a most

extraordinary and romantic campaign.

Then he turned to help Greene, in South Carolina, and being given a strong body of troops, including his old brigades, he assisted materially to confine the enemy in Charleston, and was in at Greene's occupation of that city, Dec. 14th, 1782. One of the very last acts of the drama of American Independence was Wayne's occupancy of the evacuated fort.

Six months being given to making peace with the Southern Indians, he returned home, an honored and noted man. He was much in public life, and having been given an estate by the State of Georgia, was elected to Congress from that State in 1792, but could not qualify, being a citizen of Pennsylvania. In that year ne was made commander-in-chief of the American army for the suppression of Indian and British hostilities in the North-west Territory. Washington, alarmed by the defeats of Harmer and St. Clair, in the two previous years, called Wayne to the command, as the very best man for the hard task. That task was so well done that the flerce tribes of the West after many a bloody struggle, were so thoroughly broken that the grand treaty of peace signed at Greenville, Ohio, August 7th, 1795 gave the whole vast region peace. The story of that war and that peace is one of the most interesting in our stirring and troublous his-

Wayne received a grand ovation on his return home; but was not long permitted repose for Washington (June, 1796) dispatched him to take possession of the north-west posts and fortresses secured to us by the Jay treaty with Great Britain. He therefore visited the ter ritory again and instated our military and civil authority in all the districts, until then in British possession. It was an important and delicate mission, and one, alas! from which he never returned. When sailing down Lake Erie, from Detroit to Presq' Isle (now called Eric City, Pa.), he was attacked (Nov. 7th) with the gout, and lingered along until

Dec. 15th, (1796), when he passed quietly away.
The country mourned its loss; and the numperless tributes to his memory attested the honor in which he was held by all classes of people. His body, first buried at Presq' Isle, was removed, in 1809, to his family cemetery, at Waynesborough, Pa., where a fine monu-ment, erected by the Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati, fittingly commemorates his services and virtues.

Without a Heart: WALKING ON THE BRINK

A STORY OF LIFE'S SUNSHINE AND SHADOW.

BY COLONEL PRENTISS INGRAHAM, AUTHOR OF "GIVEN FOR GOLD," "THE FLY ING YANKEE," "THE MEXICAN SPY," 'TRACKED THROUGH LIFE."

CHAPTER X.

NO LONGER A WAIF. WHEN Colonel Erskine beheld the one who ad so daringly aided him, he was struck with surprise, for, instead of some bold farmer, as he supposed him to be, he saw a youth of apparently eighteen, with a slender, graceful form, and a face of almost feminine beauty, though upon it rested a look of determination and daring hardly reconcilable with the features of a

Besides a suit of dark cloth, with loose pants and a blouse coat, he wore a pair of top boots and a slouch hat that shaded his face, and half-

hid the clustering, short curls around his neck.

At his feet lay a small bundle, and in his hand he carried a short cane, the same with which he had felled the highwayman to the ground.

Your coachman is not dead, as I believed sir," said the youth, pleasantly, as he pointed to the negro driver, who was seated upon the other side of the vehicle, lugubriously rubbing his head, upon which was a slight flesh-wound cut by the bullet of the robbers, and as they believed killing him.

Fortunately it had only stunned him. 'Thank God! Toby, you are all right," said his master, going and aiding the negro to

"I ain't so sure o' dat, massa; I dun got a hole in my head, and de bullet rattle about in dar like a pea in a gourd."

"Nonsense, Toby; it only out the skin; look after the horses while I see to poor Florice, and Colonel Erskine returned to the carriage, while Toby remarked:

'Young massa, am I a dead nigger, or am ! not, dat's de squestion?" You are all right, Toby; that wound will

be all right in a few days, thanks to the thick your skull. Here, take hold of the horses while I see which was the hardest, my stick or yonder fellow's head," and the youth pinted to the highwayman, who still lay where e had fallen.

When Colonel Erskine reached the carriage ne found Florice recovered from her swoon and quietly glancing out of the open door.

"Thank God, Florice, we have passed through terrible ordeal almost unscathed, for poor l'oby is more frightened than hurt; and all hanks are due to yonder gallant youth."
"What an almost beautiful face he has," an

Florice gazed intently upon the youth, as he approached and bent over the highwayman. Pressing his hand upon the heart of the man the young man started back with a half-cry of

terror, while his face blanched white. "He is dead, sir," he said, slowly, and with strange earnestness of manner, turning to Colonel Erskine.

"Yes, he is dead; but his death saved my daughter from a terrible fate, I fear, for I was powerless to aid her, and to you we owe all, and Colonel Erskine held forth his hand to the roung man, who grasped it warmly, while he

Death is terrible in any form, sir, and es pecially so when caused by one's own hand; out if I have served you and your daughter should not bemoan my act," and he seemed as if choking back deep feeling that swelled up ino his throat.

"Well, we must continue on our way, and you, sir, must accept a seat in our carriage "What will you do with this body?" and the

youth pointed, with a shudder, to the dead "I will let Toby place it on the rack, and de liver it up to the authorities of the next village we enter. Come, sir, you go our way, do

"I was wending my way to the city, sir." Colonel Erskine glanced earnestly at the numble attire, and then into the frank, fine

You have friends there, I suppose, and are going there to seek work? "I have no friends in the world, sir; but I am going to seek work

Inexpressibly sad was the tone in which the reply was given, and it touched the hearts of the kind colonel and his daughter, the latter intantly remarking:

"Then come with us, and we will be your friends, and my father will give you employ-

"Assuredly; come with us, for I owe you a debt of gratitude I can never repay. You have no ties to bind you elsewhere, by your own ad-

mission, so come and live with us

Two bright tears glistened in the handsome eyes, and his nether lip trembled, as though his neart was brimful of joy and thankfulness, and

I speak the truth when I tell you I have no "I am a mere waif, and tiring of my home left it to seek employment. Had my parents lived—had that home been a happy one, never

would I have left it as I did. "With too little money to ride, I was going on foot to New York to see what the future had in store for me

Thank God, my many long miles of weary ravel, have resulted in doing a good service. The frank manner of the youth, and his conest face carried conviction that he spoke the ruth, and Colonel Erskine placed his hand upon

is shoulder, and said, earnestly: "You shall not want for friends in the future, my boy, for I am rich and most willing to aid you. What is your name, please tell me?" "Everard Ainslie, sir."

"A good name. Now come; let us be off."
A few moments more and the body of the nighwayman was placed securely upon the rack with the baggage, and, mounting his box, Toby drove on, Everard Ainslie occupying a seat within the vehicle, and subdued and thoughtful with the sudden change in his fortunes, for, unused to the ways of the town, he had been fleeced out of nearly all his money upon his journey, and, anxious to reach New York, had started forward on foot, for there was the Mec ca of his hopes—there he believed lay the corner-stone of a brilliant future, whatever that future might be.

CHAPTER XI.

DOWN BREAKS!
UPON account of the shock to Florice of the highwaymen's attack upon them, Colonel Erskine determined to give up the idea of con-tinuing on by carriage and go by rail instead, especially as they had already been detained for two days in a miserable country inn by the stupidity of a resident justice, who believed it his

duty to hold the whole party for murder.

Bidding Toby to drive on by long stages,
Colonel Erskine, Florice, and Everard Ainslie took the train at a country depot, and were soon ensconced in a comfortable car, whirling away

at the rate of thirty miles an hour. More and more impressed in favor of the handsome youth, Colonel Erskine and Florice were glad of their meeting with him, and as he possessed a good education and wrote a small but beautiful hand, he was tendered the position of private secretary to his benefactor, whose extensive business, in looking after his estates, would certainly require an aid.

Retiring in manner, polite and most attentive to every want of Florice, Everard Ainslie soon won her heart, and seemed, by his pleasant conversation, to gradually draw her away from her sad memories.

Along flew the train, winding, like a huge

serpent, through lovely valleys and around the base of lofty hills, until at last the light of day faded away, and night cast its sable mantle

Yet still on rushed the thundering train, the huge eye of the locomotive alert for danger ahead, and the brave engineer on the watch to protect the hundreds of lives entrusted to his

Suddenly around the dark base of a hill sped he train.

Unsuspecting of danger were al! when the nuick eye of the engineer discovered, not a hundred yards ahead, a misplaced rail.

shrieked the whistle to "down breaks," and creaking, rattling, clanging, the attentive breaksmen wound them up furthest link, for still went forth the cry of

Instantly there was a wild excitement amount the passengers; a few cries of terror at the sudden jerking of the cars, and then the whistle eased, a loud roar of steam burst forth; a jar a terrific shock, a crashing of timbers, a grating of iron, shrieks of despair, groans of agony, and all was a chaos of destruction.

All those who could do so, arose to their feet and struggled from the ruin and death around them, and once free themselves they turned with dread to those who had been less fortu-

To add to the horror, there arose shricks of pain from children, groans of agony wrung from strong men, and low moans of anguish from patient, suffering women.

From the wreck of the car in which were Colonel Erskine, Florice and Everard Ainslie one form struggled up, and stood an instan gazing around him, as if dazed or stunned by

the shock. It was Everard Ainslie. "Thank God! I am unhurt; but my poor friends, what of them?" he murmured, glancing

around, timidly, as if fearing to discover a sight he dare not face Everard, here we are." It was the voice of Colonel Erskine, and his

tone was as if it came through shut teeth to keep back a groan of pain. At once the youth sprung forward, and, by the light of a lantern, taken from the hands of the dead conductor, he beheld a sight that

turned his very heart cold.

There lay Colonel Erskine, his right binned beneath a cushioned seat, his left arm ving broken and helpless by his side.

His right arm encircled the waist of po Florice, whose pale, upturned face looked like death. 'She has swooned, I hope—she is dead, I

fear," said the poor father, in a whisper. Two men were standing near, seemingly be reft of all presence of mind, as is usual with many on occasions where nerve is needed,

To these Everard called, and, as if awakening to a sense of their duty, they sprung to his aid, and in a few moments the slender, graceful form of Florice was removed from the and laid upon a mossy bank near by. Then Colonel Erskine was relieved from his painful position, and laid beside his daughter, while Everard bounded away to seek aid.

But he had not far to go, ere he met a host of willing hands and kind hearts, coming from the village on the hill, for it was early in the night, and many had watched the fiery serpent gliding along the valley, until they beheld it oughly convinced of Everard's guilt.

suddenly dash itself to pieces against the rocky base of the hill.

By his exertions in behalf of his friends, Ev-

erard soon had them placed in a carriage and

removed to comfortable quarters in the town, a mile distant, where a kind physician at once 'Attend to her first—see, is she dead?" said

Colonel Erskine, as the man of medicine ap-

proached him. Turning to where Florice lay, pallid and si-ent, the physician laid his hand over the heart,

and started. It had ceased to beat. Florice, the beautiful, sorrowing girl, for she

was nothing more, was dead—hurled from life into eternity, in an instant of time. CHAPTER XII

THE HOUNDS ON THE QUARRY. THE day after the fatal accident, Everard Ainslie sat in a room of the hotel by the bedde of Colonel Erskine, who lay unconscious from delirium and pain. The blow of Florice's leath had hit him hard, for his love for his daughter verged upon idolatry.

In an adjoining room, the door open between, lay the beautiful form of Florice, cold in death, and from his seat by the bedside of the sufferer, Colonel Ainslie ever and anon glanced timidly upon the face of the dead.

Suddenly the door softly opened, and a tall form stood upon the threshold, with white,

It was Clarence Erskine! One glance into that face, and Everard Ainslie blanched, and his form trembled violently. Once before he had seen that face and form, and under circumstances which he could never

Walking lightly across the room, Clarence Erskine came to the bedside, and with a glance only at Everard, said softly, as he laid his hand upon his father's head:

"How is he hurt?" "His arm is broken in two places, and it is eared he is injured internally; but he seems better now.

"And Florice, my sister-she is-" "Dead! she lies yonder She was crushed to

death between the seats." The strong man covered his face with his hands, and shuddered violently. Then he said, quietly:

"I thank you—you are Everard Ainslie, of whom my father wrote. I have much to thank

Without another word, Clarence Erskine walked into the adjoining room, closing the door behind him. Thus two hours passed away, and then he

returned, his face white, cold and stern.

As he re-entered the room Colonel Erskine opened his eyes, a gleam of reason shining in

Beholding his son he held forth his hand, and a groan of agony came from his inmost heart.
"Father, poor Florice is dead; but I yet have

you. Are you suffering much!" "Here is my suffering, Clarence—here; otherwise I feel better," and the brave man placed his hand upon his heart, from whence had been

cruelly dragged by death his dearest idol. Seating himself by the bed, Clarence told his father that he had come as soon as he had received Everard's dispatch, and that while he conveyed poor Florice to her grave, in the family burying-ground, he did not fear to leave him for a few days in the hands of his faithful

With almost despair clutching at his heart. Colonel Erskine saw his son depart, bearing with him the body of poor Florice; but in Everard Ainslie he had one who was as devoted to him as a daughter could be, and his sufferings were soothed, his sorrows sympathized with, with the soft touch and kindness of heart of a

At length, after several weeks of suffering, Colonel Erskine was sufficiently recovered to admit of his being removed to his old home in the city where he had always lived.

Since the bitter parting between his son and daughter the father had devoted himself almost wholly to Florice, leaving Clarence alone

in their city mansion to keep bachelor's hall. Worried by the thought that he had slain a man whose attentions, after all, were not dishonorable toward his sister, and embittered because Florice, whom he loved with all a brother's love, had come to hate and abhor him, Clarence devoted himself to the practice of his profession, in which he was rapidly rising distinction, for he was possessed of a splendid mind, was a fine orator, and a deep student.

As Florice no longer lived, Colonel Erskine was anxious to return home as soon as possible. He felt deeply for his son, whose quarrel with Colonel Roselle he had certainly upheld, for, like Clarence, he believed the designs of the

man to be evil. Accompanied by Everard Ainslie, Colonel Erskine arrived at his city house one pleasant morning. He was met by Clarence, who, after affectionately greeting his father, welcomed the youth most warmly, for there was some thing in the strangely-fascinating face of the young secretary that drew him irresistibly to-

As for Everard, he seemed to rather shun Clarence, and was wont to gaze upon him with a strange, absent look, as if to recall something from the long-buried past.

Thus a few weeks more passed away, and Colonel Erskine was thoroughly restored to bodily health, though he yet grieved deeply for

poor Florice Each day had Everard made himself more useful, to both father and son, until they be gan to look upon him as a necessity in the household; and, determined to yet go to his

new home in the South, Wildidle, Colonel Erskine intended taking the youth with him.

At length the day for departure rolled round, and was a scene of bustle in the mansion, when suddenly two men ascended the broad stone steps, and, approaching Everard, one of them

said, quietly Your name is Everard Ainslie, I believe?" "That is my name, sir," said the youth, turn-

ing slightly pale. Then I arrest you, in the name of the law, Everard Ainslie, upon the charge of murder," and in an instant the well-molded wrists of the surprised and frightened youth were encircled by iron handcuffs.

CHAPTER XIII.

THE FELON'S CELL. "HOLD, sir! there is some mistake, and what mean you by this insolence?" cried Colonel Erskine, stepping angrily forward in front of the two officers of the law, while Clarence advanced, and said:

"I hope you understand your duty, and are not overstepping it."

"Mr. Erskine, you know me, sir, and know I am not a man to act foolishly.

"This gentleman with me is a detective, and has been on the track of the youngster here for two months, and at length we have run him to his lair," and the man spoke as though thor-

"And the charge you make against him is that of murder?

"Yes, sir; he committed a murder two months ago, that would be worthy of the most hardened criminal.

"I hope he can prove himself innocent, sir, not only for his own sake, but for yours, for you seem to have taken a great interest in him but my duty is plain-he must go with me to

"Good God! Everard, speak! what have you to say for yourself?" eried Colonel Erskine, earnestly, of the youth, who, pallid as death, trembling violently, and with downeast eyes, stood in silence, and seeming despair.

As if about to speak his answer to Colonel Erskine, his lips moved; but Clarence eried, quickly:

"Hold, Hverard! do not open your lips, and to those who address you make no reply, else you commit yourself.

"Go with these men you must; but be brave,

be strong, and all will come right in the end for I am convinced that there is some terrible mistake here—that you are as innocent as am I, of this charge against you."

"I thank you, sir, from my heart, I thank you," murmured Everard, and turning to the officer in charge, he said, firmly, while he looked him full in the face:

"I am ready to accompany you to prison, sir.

The shrinking, trembling manner had gone, and like a fearless man he faced his accusers. I will accompany you, Everard, and see that you are allowed every comfort I can pro-

oure for you. Father, will you also go!" 'Yes, my son; it will show that the poor boy is not friendless, and, mind you, officers, you' rue this arrest if you cannot prove your bold assertion of his being guilty of murder."

At once giving up all idea of his proposed trip

South, Colonel Erskine ordered his baggage returned to his room, and a few moments after the party entered the earriage in waiting, and were driven to the city prison, where Everard Ainslie was immediately placed in as comfortable quarters as his two true friends could pro-

Once securely in his cell, the youth turned to the detective who had tracked him, as he said, to his doom, and quietly asked:

"Who is it that I am accused of murdering?" "A nice question for you to ask, my pretty fellow," roughly returned the man.

"A most natural question, I think, as I am the one most interested. Tell me, who was it I murdered?"

A poor old inoffensive preacher; a man who never harmed any one in the world; a man whose very gray hairs should have protected him, even if the sanetuary of God did

not, for you killed him in his own church."

Everard Ainslie turned even more pallid, staggered back against the cold, white-washed wall of his cell, and covering his face with his hands, shook like an aspen leaf, while deep sobs burst through his shut teeth.

In dismay, in fear, both Colonel Erskine and Clarence gazed upon him, and in their gaze was a look of deepest compassion.

The detective, the officer who had arrested him, and the jailer smiled grimly.

They believed that the emotion of the youth

was a confession, almost, of his guilt. At length Everard Ainslie recovered himself, choked back the sobs, and with a cold, stern

Who makes this charge against mef "The one who drove you on your deadly er-

"It is false, and did I so desire, I can so prove it, even now, colonel, and you, Mr. Erskine, do not lose your trust in me. When my

trial comes, I will prove myself innocent.' "I believe you, my son," kindly said Colonel Erskine, while Clarence returned: Everard, cheer up, and I will yet bring

you out of this prison with flying colors, for, though certain circumstantial evidence may be strong against you, I feel sure that you are innocent of this charge.' Ten minutes more and Everard Ainslie was

(To be continued-commenced in No. 323.

"JENNIE."

BY "TRIX."

I asked of the stars last night, Jennie. What would your answer be, And they seemed to smile on me brightly Down from their azure sea.

So with heart made light I hastened Down to the old worn stile, And waited for brown-eyed Jennie, Queen of the rose's wild.

She came with the lovelight flashing Forth from her laughing eyes, hey, too, seemed to give the same premise As the stars in the summer skies.

Then I told her the old, old story, And she bowed her graceful head, To hide the conscious blushes That o'er her fair face sped.

And in them I read my answer, And knew I could safely risk, On her sweet lips, so shyly uplifted, A grand "Centennial kiss!"

The Masked Miner:

THE IRON-MERCHANT'S DAUGHTER.

A TALE OF PITTSBURG. BY DR. WM. MASON TURNER, AUTHOR OF "UNDER BAIL," "SILKEN CORD."

CHAPTER XXI.

THE POWER OF GOLD. Long hours passed before Grace Harley re-covered from the terrible shock she had experienced at beholding the startling secret in the wall. It was certainly some time after day next morning when she knew herself again; for she could hear the far off rumbles of the city betokening the resumption of business. Now and then, too, she could see faint flashes of sun-

light struggling through the door-eracks. The truth is, that, so benumbing was the shock which the girl had sustained, she had passed from a state of temporary unconsciousness to a deep, unbroken quiet of a settled slum-She had slept the long night through on

the floor where she had fallen.

She awoke with a start, and gazed about her for a moment, ere she could recognize her position, for, since her detention in the old house, she always slept on the sofa, at the southernmost side of the apartment. Gradually she re-called the circumstances of the previous evening, and then, like lightning, she felt in her A smile of satisfaction flitted over her pallid face, as the concealed newspaper crumpled and rattled under her hand. and taking the paper from its hiding-place drew her chair directly beneath the chandelier,

the jets in which were still burning brightly. Seating herself hastily, she spread out the paper, and hunted through it for the paragraph which, on the evening before, had arrested her

The paper was the Gazette, and it was dated two days after the night of the adventure on the hights of Mount Washington.

The girl gave a quick start as the particular ines soon again caught her eye. Then in a ow, hesitating voice she read aloud:

ow, hesitating voice she read our issue of yester-"THE ABDUCTION CASE.—In our issue of yester-trave referred to the high-handed outrage, perpe-trated in our very midst—the abduction of Miss Harley, only child of Richard Harley, Esq., of Al-leghany city. Since then, considerable light has

day we referred to the night-handed outrage, betweet trated in our very midst—the abduction of Miss Harley, only child of Richard Harley, Esq., of Alleghany city. Since then, considerable light has been thrown upon the dark transaction. The evidence elicited before Alderman March, yesterday afternoon, seems to fix the guilt—or at least a goodly portion of it—on Tom Worth, the miner, employed in the famous Black Dismond mine. On an investigation of the circumstances, this man does not prove to be the here he was first thought to be. It appears that he was absent from his work and his cabin, without a satisfactory reason, for some time, both before and after the abduction, and the plain, streightforward evidence of Mr Markley—a toll-keeper on the Smithfield street bridge—seems, beyond a doubt, to fasten the guilt upon the miner.

"This man, Tom Worth, strange to say, has borne a high a seem for honesty and sobriety, and was well vewered for by our friend Mr. Hayburst, the overseer of the mine, and pertinaciously so by an old man, named Ben Walford, a fellow-workman in the Black Diamond. The devotion of the old man to his guilty friend, the prisoner, was very touching; it was worthy of a nobler subject. Too much commendation, in regard to the solution of this affair, can not be awarded to our gifted young townsman. Fairleigh Somerville, Esq.; it was owing to his efforts and untiring diligence that the arrest of the offender was effected. Another strange feature of this coase is, that the prisoner, though offered bail, refused it peremptorily! Thus far he declines to admit that he was implicated in the matter, or that he knows anything of the whereshouts of the young lady. However, he is safely lodged in jail to await his triel, when, it is to be hoped that, if found guilty of this cowardly crime, he will have mated out to him a punishment suited to his deserts.

"In the mean time the sympathies of the community are with the bereaved father, who is almost erushed beneath the heavy misfortune."

The paper fell from

The paper fell from the girl's hands, and

Grace Harley's head sunk on her bosom.
"God in heaven!" she murmured. "Can my terrible suspicions be correct? Can it be hethe deep-dyed villain! Poor, poor papa! and I know I cannot be far away from him; and yet, I know not. Tom Worth! and that noble form, so like- My God! a wild hope-nay! nay! and, if it were! Alas! alas! A bright hope—good heavens!—yea—yea—my watch—yes—I have it here—and—God be with me! I'll try! Ben Walford, his friend! Oh, he cannot be guilty, and yet, how can I communicate with him? God aid and help me! Do I see light ahead, and— 'Sh! 'sh! here he comes—my jailer. He is kind to me; be brave, my heart! The girl crushed the newspaper back into her bosom, and retreated hastily to the sofa.

Steps sounded without; a key grated harshly in the lock; the door opened. A tall, heavy man, his face muffled in a large

woolen comforter, his hat drawn lightly over his eyes, entered. In one hand he carried a basket covered with a towel.
"Well, Miss," he said, in a kind voice, "how are you this morning? Hope you're well, ma-

Thank you, my good man; I am not well. They were the first words she had spoken to

him, or he to her. Sorry, ma'am; and-I'm goin' to leave you, "To leave me, my good man? What do you ean?" And she looked at him, wonderingly.

"Why, ma'am, to-night will be the last time I'll bring your meals to you.' 'Ah! then ! am to be released?" she exclaim

ed, half rising to her feet, as a sudden gleam of hope flashed over her face, and sparkled in her The man was softened by that appealing look, but he shook his head sadly.

"No, no, ma'am; some one else will take my place; and then the boss, you know, ma'am." "Oh! God!" groaned the girl. "I am very sorry for you, ma'am," said the man, feelingly; "for, ma'am, I have a wife

and little ones, and, Miss, I wasn't abways a bad man!" The girl looked hastily up at him.

"Tell me, my good man," she suddenly ask-ed, "why am I kept here! Tell me, for I have never harmed you! What you are here for, ma'am?" exclaimed

not tell you that! A moment of silence ensued, during which time the man busied himself in taking the girl's breakfast from the basket, and placing it upon

man, starting back. "No, no, ma'am: I car

Grace Harley glanced at him. "I wish to speak with you, my man," she said, softly; "can you spare a moment?"

The man hesitated.

'Yes, ma'am," at length he said; "I suppose I can. The girl arose and approached him. "You say you have a wife and children: 1

know by your tone that they are dear to you For their sake, I beg you to do me a small She paused. The man was listening atten

"Furnish me with paper, ink, and envelope, and then promise to drop a letter in the post-office for me," and she looked at him, plead-

"No, no, ma'am! I cannot I dare not! My life wouldn't be worth a thought! ma'am! I am willing to serve you, but I dare

"You dare not! Then it is fear that hin-ders you?"

You are right, ma'am," was the reply. "Then you shall run no risk; I pledge you my sacred word, as a God-fearing woman, never to hint to any one that you aided me, in

case I ever get home.' The man paused. "Will the letter be to your father?" he asked

" No," was the prompt reply, and she still "Let me think, ma'am," said the man, walking slowly up and down the room. "I am go

ing away to-morrow morning, anyway-and he can't suspect me!" These words were spoken as if communing with himself. He paused before the maiden. "I don't know, ma'am, but what I might serve you. God knows you are treated badly.

I could not help it!" He spoke earnestly. "Heaven help you, my good man!" said the girl, deeply; "say that you will aid me now

-you will get your reward!"
She took him appealingly by the arm. The man still hesitated, but then, turning toward her, said:
"You must promise me, ma'am, before God,

that even to your dearest friend you will not hint that I have done this for you. Then tell me who the letter is for, and come what may,

I'll accommodate you!" "God bless you and yours forever, my good man!" murmured the girl, as she sunk back on the sofa.

Say nothing about that, ma'am, and I'll go out after the paper. But I must be careful."

So saying he drew his woolen scarf more close around his neck. In doing so, it became disengaged, and fell from his sho The girl caught a glimpse of his face. She

started violently. "Why, good heavens!" she exclaimed; "are you not Tom Worth, the miner?"

The man in his turn started, and hastily re-

arranged his scarf.
"Me, me, Tom Worth! Why, ma'am, Tom
Worth is—but, I can't answer your questions -there! Now I'll go after the paper; I'll soon be back."

He opened the door softly, and putting his head forth, peeped around him. Then he cau-tiously slipped out and closed the door. "Shut up!" exclaimed the man, flercely,

He was gone about half an hour, when Grace, who, in the mean time, had partaken hand. sparingly of the breakfast before her, heard him coming back.

He soon afterward entered and closed the

"It's all right, ma'am," he said, as if pleased at his success; "I didn't have to go far. Here's the paper, ink, and all. Please be in a hurry, ma'am, for the boss might come, and then you know-

"Yes, never fear, my good man," and the maiden seated herself at once by the table, and drew the writing materials toward her. Her hand trembled as she grasped the pen. The man had seated himself at some distance

and was engaged in repacking the things in the

Grace wrote rapidly. It was a brief letter. She read it over twice and inclosed it in an envelope. Then she hastily scribbled a few lines on a slip, folded it around the envelope, which was already directed, crowded all into another

envelope, and directed it. 'Tis ready," she said, in a tremulous voice. 'For the sake of your dear wife and children, I beg you to put this, with your own hands, in the office."

"I'll do it, ma'am," was the prompt reply. The man took the envelope, and without casting his eyes over the superscription, placed it carefully in the breast-pocket of his coat. He turned, picked up the basket, and was going,

No, no, ma'am; I can not," said the man,

firmly, at the same time putting aside the costly present; "it would not be honest, ma'am." But I beg you to take them," insisted the ly. girl; "take them; I do not value them." cannot take the watch; it would be like

stealing, ma'am," said the man; but he hesitated; "I am a poor man—an unfortunate one—and the money will be of service to poor tated: Mary and the children. I'll take it, ma'am, if barrel to her temple. you are willing."
"I wish there was more of it—there," she

said, eagerly forcing the coins into his hand. "But I shall not forget you. Good-by, and

"The same to you, ma'am, and from an honest heart! The man emphasized the last word; then he

A glow of happiness beamed over the maid-

ar's face, and then she muttered:

"Can—oh! can it be done! Suppose I fail!

Fail! I must not fail! And then, Ben Walford! Yes, yes, I'll trust him forever! I'll try the experiment now, at once!" she exclaimed. cautiously drew near the door, and listened intently for a moment. All was quiet.

She turned at once, and going to a closet in the room, took out a large sheet of tissue-paper, very thin and light. Then, after searching around for a moment, she found a can.

She hastily tore off a piece of the paper, rolled it between her hands, loosely, in the shape of a ball; then, from the can, she sprin kled on it a few drops of the liquid it contained. Lighting the paper-ball by a match, she cast it all ablaze up the chimney, and awaited breath lessly the result.

The flaming ball darted up, lightning-like, in the strong draught, and it did not returneven the faintest cinder.

Thank God!" muttered the girl, fervently "it will do; Heaven has come to my aid!"

> CHAPTER XXII. THE FORCED OATH.

THE day passed rapidly away; there wa sunshine in Grace Harley's heart, and happi ness on her face. The roses were bloo again on her cheeks, and, as she walked with nervous steps the narrow limits of the room, there was an elasticity in her gait, telling unnistakably of a renewed spirit. She marked not the speeding hours, and was almost heed-less of the utter seclusion which held her unwillingly aloof from the world.

Noon came and passed; the dusky twilight settled down, and the last rays of the sun had ceased to penetrate through the crevices of the loor, or shimmer down the narrow flue of the

Night had come, and with it terror for Grace This was his night; she expected nim; he had told her so, and this hideous man had never broken his word. A shade of intense anxiety spread over the

face of the helpless girl. Slowly she felt in her bosom, as a look of wild determination, in thrilling contrast with the late expression of happiness and joy, spread over her face. She started, as her hand sought in vain—started as if shot—her lips became pallid, and the blood flowed away from her cheeks. The dagger, she had recently possessed herself of, was not there, and then, like lightning, the dark wall secret came back to her memory. On that very day she herself had cast the bladeless handle of the dagger in the rubbish of the clos et. And the sharp spike—that was also gone!

She was defenseless and alone!
Scarcely breathing, the maiden cast hereyes about her, but nothing presented itself. Slowly she realized her terrible position! Alone, in a far-distant house—with walls impene-trable almost to sound—herself entirely helpless, and in the power of a strong and desper

The light of hope died away entirely from her eyes, and despair reigned in her bosom, as she leaned back, fainting, on the sofa.

The minutes—the hours—flew by; the clock, on its rich, gilded pedestal of alabaster, above the mantel, pointed to ten o'clock. The high wind of the preceding night had

subsided, and everything was wondrous still and subdued on the desolate hill. Suddenly the girl raised herself, for heavy footsteps, which she had so well learn-

to know, broke on the silence of the night. They approached the door; the key again grated in the lock, and then the tall form of the loathsome wretch appeared. entered-this horrible man-closed the door nsteadily, but securely, and staggered across The apartment was at the room. with the disgusting odor of a drunken man's

The poor girl shrunk shudderingly away and her fluttering, trembling heart scarcely beat in her bosom "Ha! ha! my pretty flower! I've waited

long enough on your obstinacy! Decide to-night! I wait no longer!" cried the fellow, in a harsh, unsteady voice, as, balancing himself by the table, he leered at her horribly, then lurched blindly toward her.

"Back, monster, back!" she screamed, spring-

ing to her feet, and confronting him.
"Back? Ay, thus, Grace Harley!" and at one bound he threw himself violently upon "You shall give me the wedding promise to-night, or, by heaven, I'll strangle you!"
"Oh! pity me! pity me! For God's sake—

at the same time covering her mouth with his

The struggle was fearful between that frail girl and the strong drunken man

Suddenly, by an effort, she breke from him. As she did so, she tore away the roll of handkerchief which covered his neck, and with it came away, too, en masse, the long black beard which had concealed his face. The maiden retreated rapidly to the sofa and sprung behind it for protection.

"God in heaven! Is it you then?" she exclaimed, scorn and indignation taking the place of fear; "and you would have me wed such a oundrel as you?"

The man, half-sobered, at this untoward circumstance, started confusedly back. But he

recovered himself.
"Yes! Grace Harley, it is I; and, by heavens, you shall know it to your sorrow. You have discovered me, but, mark me well, you are in my power yet! Now I shall leave you, but shall return-return, to conquer or de-

As he spoke, he drew a pistol, cocked it, and

advanced upon her.
"Back, base-hearted villain, or advance and stain your hands with a woman's blood!" and the maiden's stature seemed to grow with her grand and swelling indignation

"No, no, Grace Harley!" sneered the man, ominously; "I'll not stain my hands with your blood; you are valuable to me; you have piles of gold; you shall be my greatest conquest, and when Grace called to him:

"Here, my good man," and she took her watch from her bosom, and then a few gold coins from her pocket; "take these; 'tis all I can give you now, but you shall—"

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"No. no. ma'am: I can not," said the man. swear to me a TERRIBLE oath—one you dare not break—I'll spatter your brains on that wall! That oath is, that you will not, if you ever leave this house, expose me, by or sign, or hint!" and his eyes glittered wild-

> The man was now thoroughly sobered, and his eyes glared with a desperate gleam of de-termination. With a sudden bound, he cleared the sofa, clutched the girl with a grip of iron, and placed the cold muzzle of the pistol-

The maiden shuddered: death never was so near to her. She felt the creaking of the trigger, as the man pressed it with unsteady finger. She had life before her still; she had a father; and she had the memory of one dearer than a father! She would live!

I'll swear," she said, in a low, almost in-"Tis very well!" said the man, in a hoarse voice, "and the penalty of this oath broken,

s, the instant death of your father! Look to it that you keep that oath!"

As he spoke, he hurled her aside, strode to ble!" the door, opened it, and went out, closing it securely behind him.

'May the devil seize her and her gold, now!" he exclaimed, flendishly. "Let her rot there! And I must see Teddy at once; and then, may the flend curse me for my bad luck! grew over his bearded face.

I must leave for other parts!"
Saying this, and emphasizing the words with a horrid oath, he hurried away.

> CHAPTER XXIII. LETTERS FOR TOM WORTH

Two days had passed since the terrible events recorded in the preceding chapter. Tom Worth was striding moodily up and down the confined limits of his cell. There was more than usual gloom upon his brow. The anxious, doubting shade, we have before noticed, had become more marked, and the prisoner's bold front of conscious inno had changed. An unmistakable sign of foreboding now showed in every lineament of his

Edward Markley's testimony was a mountain in his way, and the miner knew that, un aided and alone, he could not set aside that testimony—that, whatever he might say in refutation, while having its due weight, and entitled to its proper credence, would not be sufficient to negative the toll-keeper's plain,

honest evidence. Up and down the damp cell the miner strode. The close confinement, the bad air, the habit-ual dampness of the prison room, already had told on the iron man. His cheek was a trifle planched, his eyes somewhat dimmed. of listlessness and languor showed, as of a man on the verge of a coming illness, that he was succumbing. Yet his was still a hardy frame, and the noble muscles under his jacket-sleeve told of a wondrous vital force there yet, and

Suddenly he paused and peered up at the narrow, grated window above him. For several moments the prisoner gazed fixedly at that narrow aperture; then he slowly scanned the extent of the cold, damp wall lying between the floor and that small, heavily-

in abundance.

were he so inclined.

grated window. He shook his head: it was twelve feet at least from the window to the floor, and he had nothing on which to climb up thither, even

It may be, indeed, that Tom Worth was thinking of making some desperate effort at escape. Yet that were strange, if true, when it is remembered that he positively refused bail -refused it too, because, he was afraid, so he said, that if he accepted it, it would look as if he—in part at least—admitted his guilt. Nevertheless, as the miner for a moment gazed at the window through which scanty beams of the outer bustling world struggled, a halfnopeful, half-joyous light came into his eyes. Yet, too, as he measured the hight of the cold.

damp wall with his eye, the light died away. With a sigh he turned to resume his promenade, but he paused again, as he heard the far-away rattle of the gate, opening into the corridor, on which was situated his cell. Steps were approaching; they paused at his cell; the door was opened, and the jailer, putting in

"A friend to see you, Tom, for half an hour;" and, half-pushing old Ben Walford inside, the turnkey closed the door, locked it, and hurried away.

For a moment old Ben stood still-now looking at his friend-anon bending his ear to catch the far-away, faint footfalls of the jailer There was a half-mysterious, quizzical and triumphant look on the old man's face, as he drew near bis friend, clasped him in his arms,

and said in a low tone: "God bless you, Tom! but I've fooled the jailer this time! He searched me; but Tom, my boy, he didn't find anything! Ha! ha! Nevertheless, Tom, I've brought you some-

Without saying more, old Ben pulled off his overcoat, and threw it on the bed; then he laid aside his thick woolen working-jacket, and "It shall be done, my boy! God is in it,

then his vest followed. Tom Worth looked

"What the deuce do you mean, Ben?" he asked, as a smile came to his face. "Have

you smuggled me my pipe?" Old Ben did not answer at first, but, creeping to the heavy iron door, he listened intently

for a minute. There was no sound withoutnot even an echo.

"No, my boy, I did not bring your pipe; but—well, I'll show you in a moment." He took out his pocket-knife, and hastily ripping up the back lining of his vest, drew out, with an air of satisfaction, from their se cure hiding-place, two letters. He handed them at once to the prisoner.

"Both for you, Tom. One came yesterday morning—the foreign one, Tom—and the other was sent in an envelope directed to me at the Black Diamond.' Inside that envelope was your letter, and a few words on a strip of paer, telling me if I 'valued life' to give you the letter 'with my own hands;' and, by the eternal pillars! I've done it, my boy. And, my boy." he continued, casting his eyes up at the small streak of daylight glancing through the narrow window, "you had better read the letters while you have light; one of them, anyway, must be important.

The young man took the letters with a trembling hand, for the word "foreign," used by old Ben, had sent a thrill through his ame, and the warm blood to his face. He took the letters in his hand, and then,

fearingly, he turned his head away; he was afraid to look upon the envelopes. Old Ben stared at him wonderingly, "What is it, Tom, my boy! Read the let-

ters; they may contain news of importance."
"Yes, yes, Ben, I'll read them." He turned suddenly and glanced over the envelopes. The effect was marvelous. The miner started violently back, gasped for breath, and sunk forward on the small bed.

"My God!" he muttered, in a deep, almost anguished tone. Read the letters, my boy; the daylight is

going," said old Ben, in a low voice, creeping closer to his friend. But it was fully five minutes before Tom Worth summoned up resolution and courage to tear open the envelope of one of the letters. This was directed to him, in a large, bold, distinct handwriting, and bore a foreign stamp

The miner slowly drew out the folded sheet and spreading it out, commenced to read. As he did so, a note fell out.

We can not attempt to describe the won-drous change and play of expression that came and went, like flashes of lightning, over the half-bronzed, half-pale face of the prisoner. It was a letter of moderate length, and was

before Tom Worth, with a half-cry of exultation, folded the sheet again, and replaced it with the note in the envelope. "My God! my God! thy ways are inscruta For ten minutes he sat and gazed at the

clearly written; yet several moments elapsed

stone floor, seemingly oblivious of the presence of his friend. His thoughts were wandering far away, and a look as of holy triumph, either already accomplished or in his grasp,

another letter; read it, for the daylight is almost gone!" The prisoner started, cast a look of gratitude at the old man, and said:
"Yes, Ben, my dear friend; I have not for-

"Tom, my boy," suggested old Ben, "there's

gotten; and Ben, bend your ear closer, and let me tell you—I must be gone!" He said the last words in a deep whisper. Old Ben gazed with amazement at his friend, over whom so wondrous a change had so sud-

denly come. But he replied:

"Of course, my boy, and by the eternal pillars! say the word, and you shall go at any time! I know—" "Enough, Ben, and now I'll read the other letter. Good heavens! I had not noticed it! Her writing! Wait, Ben, and expect news!"

He tore open the envelope, snatched the faintly-traced half-sheet from within, and at a glance had read it. Thank God! thank God!" he murmured, "and she—an angel in heaven not purer—exonerates me! God stand by her and me! Now,

at last, daylight appears, and-Rising, he strode several times up and down the room—old Ben, almost aghast with wonderment, watching him the while. Again, and this time almost defiantly, he cast his burning eyes up at the grated half-window so high

My only chance!" he muttered, "and it shall not fail me! I'll go! I'll right this wrong; right myself, and then I'll be gone!

"Ben," he said, in a low voice, "the last let-ter concerns you. Nay, speak not. It concerns you only in this way; work in the cause of humanity is expected of you." "And was I ever backward, Tom, when such work was needed?" and the old man trembled with the infectious excitement.

"What is it? Speak, my boy, and count on me!" he continued, laying his large, brawny hand on his "boy's" shoulder, as if to add force to his words. But Tom Worth did not reply at once; he was again glancing at the grated windows

above him, and measuring the damp, oozy wall

with his eye.
"Ben," at length he said, in the same low tone, tremulous with excitement—the excitement of hope, "Ben, are your muscles in good condition! inch iron bar with a blow of your fist? Can you now lift a thousand pounds, dead-weight, with your shoulders?" and he still kept his eyes on the grated window.

"Ay! Try me, my boy! I can do more yes, by the eternal pillars, I can, even as child's play, tear out that iron grating up As he spoke these words significantly, he

bent his sinewy right arm, until the gorgeously swelling muscles of that arm burst asunder the binding jacket sleeve, and glowed with a dull white luster in the gloom of the cell. "Tis all right! I believe you, Ben!" said the young man, in the same low tone, with an air of satisfaction; "but, Ben, from that win-

dow to the floor is twelve feet." You are right, Tom, and a two-inch manilla rope can be bought for ten cents, long enough to reach that distance, and strong enough to bear an ox," was the significant

reply.
"Tis very good, Ben; you understand me well. Then, there is work for both of us. Listen well, Ben, for time flies, and your halfhour is almost gone. Listen, and let not your left ear hear what I say to the right!" Then ensued a rapid, earnest conversation,

in an undertone, during which old Ben never stirred muscle, or uttered a word in denial or biection. The jailer's steps were heard coming. Old

and we cannot fail! The right hand tower o the Cathedral will do, and, my boy, we'll wo'l together!'

Time's up, sir," called the jailer. "Yes, sir; right away," replied the old miner, buttoning his coat. "Good by, Tom Pleasant dreams, and a good sleep! and, may be we'll see one another to-morrow! With that he went out, and Tom Worth wa

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TRAILING ARBUTUS.

BY L. C. GREENWOOD.

Fair flower by fair hands gathered From thy secret hiding-place, Weary leagues thou hast traveled To smile at last on my face.

I greet with thousand welcomes, And wear thee for her sweet sake; Who thought of me so distant, And pains to send thee did take.

Oh, could but her own fingers Place thee in my button-hol With eyes meeting eyes, gazing Deep into each other's soul.

Sweet blossom, on my lapel I wore thee just for a day, And thy fragrance was filling The wild air, cheering my w

Sweet blossom thou art faded, I tenderly lay thee down; Thy breath is filled with sweetness Though thy pleasing hue is gone.

Fading or flowering I cherish
Thee, traiting arbutus fair; Thee, trailing arbutus fair; In my heart-chamber memory That blossom ever shall wear

The Cross of Carlyon THE LADY OF LOCHWOOD.

A Romance of Baltimore. BY A. P. MORRIS, JR., AUTHOR OF "BLACK CRESCENT," "FLAMING TALISMAN," "RED SCORPION," "SILVER SERPENT," ETC., MTC., ETC.

> CHAPTER IX. WORK AND WATCH.

It was a three-story, sallow-fronted dwelling in South Bond street. The wooden steps were The shutters broken or loose, while the urchins who infest the neighborhood had carved slices from the sills in many places The interior was searcely an improvement on

the exterior. There was one room, however-the secondstory front—which presented the sole excep-tion to the surrounding of neglect, almost squal-or. It had been neatly curtained and carpet ed, freshly painted, newly furnished; and to lady who had come in response to the advertise

ment in the Sun. "I'm mighty glad it's you," said she, leading the way up the creaky stairs, and flaring the coal-oil lamp with amusing recklessness. "I'd a heap rather let the room out to a young wo-man like yourself, 'cause it'll be company for me, you see. And I never did like to have men a-thumpin' round the house, wearin' the stairs with their nails in their boots. I'm mighty fond of company—good company of my own sex. See I'm gettin' old; and, as there ain 't no-body but myself, it'll be quite agreeable to have you along. Of course you ain't married?" the last suddenly, and casting a quick glance side-

ways through her spectacles. No, madam, I'm not married." "Um! Well, here's the room. Kind of coxy-like, now, ain't it! The things was just bought bran-new last week—the furniture from Walsh's. There's plenty of ventilation, room to move about; and here's a new wash-pitcher. We don't burn gas. I'll put a big lamp in for you. You'll be satisfied, I'm sure—"

you. You'll be satisfied, I'm be will be with the rent of the room?"

" With board?" Yes." after a moment's hesitation. "\$4.50 per week. That includes washing,

"I'll take it." "Yes," said the old lady, highly pleased; "I knew you'd like it; and now, as that's settled, what's your name, Miss?"

"Chris—" she checked herself suddenly. "Chris! That's an odd name.

"My name is Christine Page. You inter-And mine's Lee-Annabel Lee. I got th

'Lee' by marriage, you know; and, singular enough, my poor dead man's name was Edgar. Here's water "—tapping the pitcher—"and here's comb and brush "—thumping the bureau drawer—"so just make yourself to home. Would you like a cup of tea? I didn't expect an answer from the paper so very soon, and I haven't much for supper the first night." "I would like a cup of tea, plea e

"Very well; when you're ready come down-stairs," and setting the lamp on the table she departed, singing, in a cracked voice:

"Not the angels in Heaven above, Nor the demons down under the sea, Can ever dissever my soul from the soul Of my beautiful Annabel Lee!"

Alas for the poet who lay in the bare grave

Left alone, Miss Christine Page proceeded to arrange her disordered toilet. She was tired and dusty after the ride in the cars, and the fruitless trip to Lochwood. The muff, boa and jacket which she wore loosely, even in that pleasant weather, were cast aside, and bathing her face and hands she smoothed back the opulence of midnight hair from her temples.

Standing before the small mirror, with the lamp beside her, we have a better view of the who, at a passing glance, we have seen to be beautiful in face and figure

A square, intellectual brow, and cheeks of ed, or shuffled, or darted out, the arms above velvet and glow. Lips red, and shaped to an and the limbs beneath the desk. On a pair of exquisite mouth; behind the lips, teeth of marus perfection. Ears small, and pink as the soft blush of a sea-shell; neck slender and grace-But the eyes—orbs that flashed beneath Iong black lashes these were rarest of all, their color of jet and luster of magnificence. The expression of the face was neither stern nor rry; a mold part sad, part resolute, unread-

She soon joined Mrs. Lee in the dining-room. Over a cup of tea and tempting brown toast, the old lady grew talkative, evincing a decided

appreciation for her new companion.
"Where did you say you came from, dear?" "Washington," briefly.

"And where's your baggage?"
"At the depot. It was checked to Balti-

ore. I suppose they will retain it for me."
"Oh, to be sure. You can order it sent here, you know. I'm real sorry I haven't any ody to attend to it for you. Have you any friends in the city?" Very few, indeed, Mrs. Lee. I may as

Christabel to her boarding-house. well admit that I am a stranger." "Ah! let me advise you to be careful how served the old gentleman.

you run about, dear. I'd never go out of night if I was you. The men stand on the corners in idle gangs, all the way from here to Barn ard's wine store, and in some places a good lady's name isn't safe, as she passes by. True as you live, Miss, Baltimore has a wide-spread and bad reputation for its 'corner gangs.' Was ou engaged in any particular business, Miss

Christine?" My visit to Baltimore is to look after pri vate money affairs," said Miss Christine, with emphasis, hoping the remark might check any further inquiries concerning herself.

The hint was accepted. The new boarder did not appear at all so-ciable, on this est evening of her acquaintance with Mrs. Lee. Directly after the mea

she sought her room. For perhaps fifteen minutes she stood statue like in the center of the apartment, her white hands clasped before her, and her lustering eyes fixed upon the floor. Her attitude was

one of absorbing thought.

The exact detail of her grave meditation we may never know. The transient expressions of the lovely face were disappointment, conecture, perplexity, the whole supplanted at last by a resolute look, accompanied by a quick, firm pressure of the clasped hands.

"Something must be done," she murmured.

'At present I cannot find Mr. Harrison; and though I feel that wealth belongs to me, I have not the means to prove it. Oh! kind Heaven, permit me to find the only friend I have in the world—the only one who can give me back the nome I lost when a child."

Seating herself at the table, she drew the newspaper from her pocket. It had served her already; perhaps it would indicate resource

'Strange that it was left so long untold me, she continued, aloud, turning and folding the paper, "and every year was dimming more The only one who might have shown me exactly what to do, died with but a sentence on her lips: 'Find your mother—find Mr. Harrison. Lochwood. Harford Road. Baltimore, How the name of Lochwood sounded in my ears. It was an utterance of my childhood, the conjuring of a brief, sunny page, back, far back through weary years. I have a dim recollection of Mr. Harrison, and that he was good. If I could only find him! But I'm sure wouldn't know him, if I passed him on the street; and how could be recognize me? Ah! what a web of fate and struggle life is."

For awhile, at least, the mysterious thoughts were dismissed, and she gave her attention to

"I must find work at something, I hardly can conceive what. There is not enough money in my purse, to pay two weeks' board—a fact I must keep from Mrs. Lee's knowledge.
Ah! what's this?'

Her searching eyes had eaught the fellowing

WANTED.—Four ladies on machine work im mediately. To competent hands, steady VV mediately. To competent hands, steady ployment. Apply at No. — North Gay street." The advertisement had been in for two days. This was the last insertion. Perhaps the places were filled, for dozens of girls and women in the city of Baltimore were striving from morn till night, in these hard times, to procure work

for their willing and capable hands. "Fortunately, I can use a machine," said Christine, to herself. "I will go there to-mor-row. Anything will do, while I am searching for Mr. Harrison; and out of my wages, I can advertise in the different newspapers. God help me! for I hardly know what I shall do.' She slept calmly through the night. while she slept, there was no kind vision in her dreams, to warn her of the deep weaving of the plot, in other parts, to snare her in a wicked

Early next morning, after breakfasting with the poetical Mrs. Annabel Lee, Christine hastened to the depot to give orders regarding the trunk. Then to the office of the Sun and American, where she left for insertion a "Personal" intended for the eyes of Mr. Jerome Harrison. By ten o'clock, she entered the store on Gay

'Can you work on a machine?" interrogated the lady-clerk, when Christine had stated

Yes, very well." "Accustomed to stitching underwear!"
"Most anything," answered the clear, muical voice of the applicant.

"Then take this note up-stairs, if you are willing to work at \$6 per week." "That will suit me.

Christine ascended to the upper rooms with ne note which was given her. As she went, she heard the lady say:

'Mr. Greggs, refuse all further applications in answer to the advertisement. The places are filled."

Ten minutes later there was another applicant. Christine had been none too soon.

> CHAPTER X. A LITTLE GAME OF PLOT.

THE residence of Preston Arly was on St. Paul street, generally known as "Legal Row."

He was an old established attorney, and, be ng possessed of wealth, purchased the property in which were his business office and dwelling. A rather antique building, outside, but furnish ed gorgeously within. Over the broad transon of the door, a sign in ornamental gilt, that

"ARLY & ARLY, Attorneys at Law." It was late in the evening. Preston Arly sat

nan, we take a brief look at him. His figure short and attenuated, body attired in close garments that made him appear even thinner, more cel-like than he was; arms and limbs resembling so many serpents, as they coilnarrow shoulders was a compressed head, Helen Carlyon; you caused me to aid in an adsparse-haired on top, wearing the face of an ditional revenge that makes me shudder when otter, squaloid in expression; and the mouth, with only a few teeth—as the head twisted this way and that-seemed ready to bite or snap It will be one hundred thousand dollars or so unpleasant utterances. In age, he was somewhat over sixty years, his reputation was that

of the ferret, the fox and the falcon.

papers. For a better acquaintance with the

"Oho!" he exclaimed, presently, holding up a narrow document at arm's length, and viewing it with a grin. "Aha! here's something I have not seen for many a day: the marriage certificate of Albert Arly and Christabel Forney. Good. Now-" rubbing the point of his I suppose, is with her." sharp nose reflectively—"I wonder if Albert has forgotten the old thing. Um! maybe he'd have to work in a different vein. I'm conject like to have it—to tear up, no doubt. Eh? turing that Christabel is alone. The informa-That's he, now. Yes."

There was a rumble of wheels outside, and coupled to a prior knowledge of certain facts, in a few moments Arly, junior, entered the of-

"Papers-business. Yes, I'm working late; but you're back early."

Arly, senior, slipped the document into his pocket, and resumed his busy fingering of the niscellaneous heap before him. "I am back early, to report a discovery."

"Oh! a discovery. "It relates to Christabel." He tossed his

gloves on another desk, and dragged forward a The sharkish head twirled round, and the

mouth was that of a snarling dog.
"Eh! What's that? Christabel!" "Exactly. About my daughter.

years of traveling and searching, in vain, have this night met her in Baltimore." "A mistake, probably."

"No. She is the perfect image of her mo "You'll claim her at once?" cried old Arly,

in excitement. "Claim her? You forget that she was a child of some years before her mother died. She's a full woman, now, and the 'claim' dodge won't work. Listen to me. I found out her stopping place, and as I was returning here, in a cab, I formed a plan.

Preston Arly darted out of his chair, and went swinging up and down the room, rubbing

his hands in immense glee. "Found! Found!" he squeaked. "Ha! h-a! glorious news! Then you'll have your revenge. You'll fulfill the vow you made fifteen years ago. Fine. Excellent. How I hate the Carl-yons! Christabel found? Ho! h-o!" the skinny hands rubbed faster, the face of the otter grinned, and the eyes of the rat twinkled maliciously.

"No, I'll not fill any vow; I don't want any

revenge," said Albert Arly.
"What! Didn't she refuse to live with you? -scorn you because you 'played' a little!called you a gambler and a villain, so you told me, and hissed on her sweetheart while he punched your head! Ho! thunder! and you don't want any revenge! I'd visit my wra h on endless generations, by the gods!"

"The child of the woman I swore vengeance against, has never harmed me- my ewn child, too, you forget."
"How do you knew she is your ewn child?"
snapped Arly, sen.

"My accidental visit to the warden of the jail in England, during my hot pursuit, con-vinced me that it was my own child. My wife intended that I should never know. I am satisfied that Christabel was born in prison. had a great deal to do with my cooling off and final abandonment of the trail."

'Pah!" disdainfully. "Moreover, I am not the young, reckless blood' I was fifteen or twenty-four years ago. have learned that a pure woman may wel despise a man such as I was in those days. Finally "-and he started from his chair, taking an uneasy turn-"my sleep has been cursed, of late, with nightmares of the crime I committed so long ago, and for which I so basely left my

wife to suffer at the hands of the law." "H-o!" sneered the elder Arly, "you regret then, that you did not step forward and be hanged instead of her. Good. I admire your conscience! I can imagine what a wriggle and squirm you would have danced at the end of a rope, bobbing up and down-ha! ha! ha!-like a shad on a rod-line—ha! ha! ha!—with the people staring at so novel an exhibition. Ha ha! ha!" and here he laughed long and loud, his serpentine anatomy doubled up in a very convulsion.

"Cease. Let us talk of the present," interrupted the son, sternly, waving his father to a seat and assuming his own.

"Yes. The present," said old Arly, when he recovered from his fit. "You have a plan concerning Christabel. Now then, what is it?" "Foremost of all, I do not propose any per sonal injury."

"But, have you ever considered that Lochwood, and its concomitant estate amounts to considerable money!"

"I don't see your point." My plan is to gain po

"How the dogs are you to do that:" sputter ed old Arly, in surprise. "I have examined the will on record, and everything goes to Christabel, with a certain Jerome Harrison as executor and trustee until the heir arrives at

maturity." She is now past maturity. And this Jerome Harrison—curse him!—is, no doubt, dead. I have not seen him, nor heard of him, since

the day he struck me. "But, how is all this to help you?" "I purpose getting her married to a 'pal, who will worm over to us about half the pro erty, as soon as he gets hands on it," said Arly, junior, coming at once to the point.

"A very fine plan. Most excellent. But, where's the 'pal'?-and how do you know she will have him?" "I can place my finger on the man-a per

feet lady-killer, and not over scrupulous; in short, an adventurer, living by his wits, and ready for just such an opportunity. Christabel must come here to this house.'

The deuce! And you think she will do that? I imagine she is well posted regarding her mother's husband. You have but to tell her who you are, and-whiz! she goes off in an opposite direction."

"She will come as your niece. You will meet her seemingly by accident, be overwhelm ed by surprise, and take her in your arms-"In my arms! Ho! ho!" and he laughed

"You may safely represent yourself as the in his office, fumbling over a pile of elongated elder brother of the man who married her mo ther. If she is 'posted' concerning that man, I shall keep shady and leave you to engineer. It is natural that she should be aware of her heritage, and be anxious to secure it. If she finds an uncle who is a lawyer, the meeting will be quite acceptable. Of course, she knows of no relative; she is the last of the Cross of Carlyon. You have had your vengeance or done-I want a share in the Lochwood estate While you are slowly, very slowly, aiding Christabel in her claim, we'll get her married I am certain she cannot prove her identity without assistance; I am also confident that she and the rascal named Jerome Harrison have not met since the day my presence frightened her and Meggy Merle from Lochwood-

"Hum!" with a cough. "This Meggy Merle, "If so, my plan isn't worth a snap; we'll tion I obtained at the prison in England,

in a few moments Arly, junior, entered the oflice.

It was the same party who had tracked
Christabel to her boarding-house.

"Ah! the certificate," interrupted Arly,
Sen., a second time. "Here it is. I came
across it among my papers there," and draw-"You are working late," he said, as he obling the narrow document from his pocket he

"I'll take charge of it. There is all this, and much more, that will suffice to establish her. We'll make money by the operation, and after

"Well, after that?" "I don't care what becomes of her. My obect, now, is to turn the fact of my early marriage to practical account."
"Very clever, very good. Excellent. We-

"Il do it," acquiesced the old man.
"'I'll consult further with you to-morrow, about how to begin operations," said Albert Arly, rising; and, with an absent "good-night, he left the room.

Preston Arly remained long alone in his office. His pointed chin rested in one hand, and his elbow on the chair side. The wee, twinking eyes were bent upon the matting, and he seemed lost in a profound, unpleasant study, for a frown settled in wrinkles on his brow.

"Yes," he muttered, in a low, fierce way, re-calling the words of his son, "I have had re-venge for the treatment I received at the hands of Helen Carlyon. She died not knowing what became of her child, Christabel, the Cross of Carlyon. If I had not been so insane in my triumph, I would not have written to Christa bel, in her prison-cell, telling her of my venge ance, what for, and in what it consisted. who would have thought to see her live, after being hung, and that she would use the information of my letter to gain her inheritance? What a marvelous tumble events do turn someimes. She moved quickly, too. By the time I discovered that she survived she had gone to Lochwood, wrenched the will from the Lizard, and fixed herseif right comfortably. was in the vessel following that which brought her to America. Had she but delayed a few days, I would have been to Lochwood, paid the Lizard for her task, and done what I might just as well have done in the first instance—destroyed the will. The whole estate might have gone to the dogs. The end was a complete baf-fle. I wonder whatever became of the Lizard? The old hag served faithfully. No matter, had some revenge. Now then, this new Christabel, my son's child. I hate whatever sounds, looks or smells of Carlyon, and could strangle her with infinite pleasure. But she belongs to Albert. He can do as he pleases with her. Yes, and I'll help him—"

The new City Hall bell pealed forth in the silent night. It was quickly followed by others in the alarm of fire.

The sound aroused Preston Arly from his meditations. Extinguishing the gas, he sought

In the same hour that Preston Arly and his son, Albert, were discussing their plan toward the latter's daughter, another important scene was transpiring many miles away.

In the main office of the Union Telegraph New York city, a man was walking unrestedly to and fro before the windowed desk—a man of medium stature, handsome face, with lux-uriant side-whiskers; a figure of splendid mus-

ele and elasticity.

The click! click! of the instruments seemed to interest and excite him. He paused anon to listen, and at times would approach the desk with inquiries. He had been there an hour; an nour more passed, while he continued his uneasy

'Is your name Gerard Vance?" asked one of the clerks, suddenly. Yes," all eagerness. "Have you news?" "There's a message coming in now."

"From England?" "From England, and for Gerard Vance, of the company of Smith, Pierson & West, Independent Detective Agency, Baltimore."

'I am the party. All impatience and suspense stood this Gerard Vance, listening to that mysterious click! click! click! which brought word from far away. It was soon all in. A message from the office of the Atlantic cable to the Union office in New

He snatched it when it was handed to him, and read with burning eyes as follows:

Case made up. Evidence perfect. We can preve

When he had read the brief lines he crunch ed the paper, and, doubling one fist, shook it

Now, Albert Arly!" he eried, exultantly, your race is run. Retribution is on vo track; the great task for my buried love is soon

He hastened from the telegraph office to his hotel. By the early morning train, leaving Jersey City, he was en voute for Baltimore And, as he sat grim and frowning, looking from the car window, there was trace of a pe-

culiar light in his eyes, which boded dangerous "Albert Arly," broke from his lips more than once, "your crime has come home at

CHAPTER XI.

NETTING THE BIRD. Two days had Miss Page been working in the store on Gay street. And in two days the employes had come to the conclusion that the ew "hand" was rather a singular personage She did not seem to affiliate with any one

about her, though her demeanor was polite even to graciousness. But there was no join ing in the merry and incessant chatter among the girls, as they bent over the humming ma chines from morn till night; nor the slightest exchange of confidences; she held herself aloof with quiet but steadfast purpose, and had nothing to say except in response to direct renarks—a lovely, silent image, that worked me chanically, and executed everything in a highly satisfactory manner.

She was at once a living enigma; neither sad nor stern apparently unsusceptible of passion excitement or frolic, and surrounded by an at nosphere of such peculiar reserve, that others nesitated in addressing her.

"She's lost her sweetheart, I guess," whis pered one of the girls. A counters in disguise," suggested an-"She's awfully 'stuck-up,' anyhow," volun-

And down-stairs the subject was also dis "Deuced pretty woman, that, Mrs. Bdeclared the cashier.

Yes, very handsome, and quite mysteri-"She don't look like she was used to work but she makes that old machine whiz in a won

'Very neat, pretty hands she has, to be sure There's a great many highfalutin women ing out of their aristocratic notions these days, Mr. Greggs. I tell you they don't find money

So, at the end of two days, she was looked upon with a feeling akin to awe, mixed with considerable conjecture, and was known in whispers as "pretty Miss Page," "my lady Page," 'the queer hand up-stairs," etc.

At her boarding-house, Christine was very much esteemed by Mrs. Annabel Lee. Much of her reserve vanished when she sat with the garrulous old lady, and the two were getting along together exceedingly well. Mrs. Lee was not without some curiosity, however, to know where her boarder spent her time from seven in the morning till six in the evening, and sometimes later; and why she was always so particular about the light luncheon which she invariably took in her pocket. But, to all in-

quiries, Christine had a stereotyped answer: "My business matters, Mrs. Lee, are of such a nature, that, when I go out I never know when I shall return. You must not be surprised if, some fine day, I disappear altogether. In view of this possible event, I pay you in advance."

It was nightfall of the third day Christine

had been at work.

The whistles of the distant factories had blown, the echo of the bells still lingered in the Six o'clock. The usual crowd of men and women *employes* from various houses streamed eastward along Baltimore street, and

among them Christine Pag Her eyes were fixed on the pavement as she walked, and she was thinking of herself. answer had come to the advertisements she inserted in the papers, and she was suddenly wondering whether the present condition of things was to continue—her constant toil, and a vain search for Jerome Harrison.

In this absorbed state of mind she reached the bridge at Jones' Falls, and was moving with the throng, half-heedless of her steps, cpposite the ruins of Kernan's Opera House Suddenly she was collided with by a diminutive old gentleman, whose sharp nose stuck out

underneath the peak of a tight cap. "Hunh!" he grunted. "Pardon me, Miss. I'm sometimes quite awkward. I beg to assure you—I— Ho! Heavens! Can it be possible! No—yes—shall I believe my eyes?" and he struck a tragic attitude, staring in astonish-

"Please allow me to pass, sir," said Christine,

making a movement to proceed.
"Pass? Certainly! A thousand maledictions—pardons, I mean, for my awkwardness But can it be! Tell me—is not this Christabel Carlyon?"

She started and paled, but regarded the old gentleman steadily.

"Yes," she replied, after a hesitation, "that is my name. You have the advantage of me, though, sir."

"My niece! my darling niece!" he cried, as if overcome with joy; and ere she could prevent it, he had thrown both arms around her, embracing her with a tenaciousness far from

(To be continued—commenced in No. 321.)

XANTIPPE.

It seems that the memory of this woman, like that of her renowned husband, is likely to be kept alive to the end of time. She is said to have possessed a very irritable temper, and her name has become a synonym of "vixen," or "scold." It is more than possible, however, that the judgment passed upon her by mankind has been too severe. A more charitable disposition would undoubtedly have discovered in her many good qualities, and have attributed her failings more to physical infirmities than to moral obliquity. The party most intimately acquainted with her, and therefore best able to form a correct opinion, gives her credit for many domestic virtues. It is now well known that many of the diseases to which women are subject, have a direct tendency to render them irritable, peevish, cross, morose, unreasonable, so that they chafe and fret over all those little ills and annoyances that a person in health would bear with composure. It is fair to infer that mest of the tantrums of Xantippe were due to these causes alone; and could Socrates, as he returned from the Senate, the Gymnasium, or the Atheneum, have stopped at Pestle & Mortar's Drug Store and carried home a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, now and then, no doubt he might have evaded many a "curtain lecture." allayed many a "domestic broil," made it much pleasanter for the children, and more enjoyable for himself, and rescued his wife's name from the unenviable, world-wide and eternal notoriety it has attained. Thousands of women bless the day on which Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, was first made known to them. A single bottle often gives delicate and suffering women more relief than months of treatment from their family physician. In all those derangements causing backache, dragging-down sonsations, nervous and general debility, it is a sovereign remedy. Its soothing and healing properties sensations, nervous and general debility, it is a sovereign remedy. Its soothing and healing properties render it of the utmost value to ladies suffering from internal fever, congestion, inflammation, or ulceration, and its strengthening effects tend to correct displacements of internal parts, the result of weakness of natural supports. It is sold by all druggists.

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A FRIEND TO DINNER.

BY JOE JOT, JR.

Before you go to sleep to-night I've got a thing to You had to go and bring a friend to dinner here to-As if I didn't have enough to do in slaving round for you,
And wearing all my life away, new, Waddle, ain't
this true?

You couldn't help it? Yes, I know; a pretty thing to say.
The only friend you ever brought? You'd have one The principle is all the same; you'd do so if you could.

And if I didn't rule this house I'm very sure you

A friend for dinner when you're cross if my ma should come!
Ill-natured for a month or more until she starts for home!
You're mad, too, when my aunt is here, and she
don't stay so long;
I'm sure, they have a right to come, for ties of love
are strong.

You keep me growling at you till I'm getting sick of You are sick too? And well you may; that's what I'd have you get.
You're tired? Well, Waddle, ain't I, too, and pray what made we so? what made me so?
This is no private boarding-house, though you would make it, no!

You want to sleep? Well, so do I, but then I won't for spite.
I am so badly broken down I will not sleep to-night!
Was he so poor that you must bring him to our
house to feed? The tavern's near here where they sell what hungry

people need. That wouldn't do? Yes, I know that; it wouldn't do, I see—
You wouldn't get a chance to make a hired girl of me; You ask each one you meet to come and take a meal

with you, As if I didn't have enough for your own self to do. You don't? You would, sir, if you could; I'm well aware of that: You don't? You would, sir, it you aware of that;
The next time that you bring a man he'll quickly get his hat.
You guess not? Waddle, look a-here, I have enough to bear,
Don't throw back any words to-night, that shows how much you care.

There never was a wife imposed so much upon as I.

Hire a hall? What do you mean? what care you if
I'd die.

A pretty man to talk to, you, for you would go to
sleep,
And let me talk away all night, but, sir, my wrongs
will keep.

Overland Sketches.

BOB SCOTT, THE LIGHTNING DRIVER

BY BUFFALO BILL.

Some years ago, during the palmy days of Ben Halliday's overland stage line, I was at Horseshoe station, when the coach came in from the west. This was a lay-over station, where the passengers took dinner. There were six Englishmen aboard, on their way from California to the States. When the coach stopped, they got out to stretch their legs and get some dinner. They were growling worse than bears with sore heads, and complaining of the slow time the stage had been making, since leaving Salt Lake City.

"The people didn't know 'ow to stage hin this blarsted country; Hingland was the place for that, ye know. They believed the bloody drivers were afraid to drive fast hover the mountains."

Bob Scott was the driver who was to drive them from Horseshoe to Fort Laramie. Now. Bob was called one of the best drivers on the divison, and at times one of the most reckless men I ever knew.

Bob heard all the talk, and his hands face lighted up with a smile. We all felt that Bob was thinking to himself that he would show them how we staged it in this country.

At this time the telegraph was gradually doing away with the pony express, and the pony express was run only ahead of where the tele-graph was built. This gave the company plenty of extra pony-express horses, and they were breaking them in for stage-horses. And lively stage-horses they were; for they were used to running the route at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, and the team that Bob was to drive out that day was six of those horses. and he was determined to let them go!

While the Englishmen were at dinner the team was being hitched to the coach, and it was no little job to hitch them up; there had to be a man at each of their heads to hold them, while others fastened the traces

When the party were through with dinner, and saw the six horses pawing the ground, and a man hanging on to each bit, they rubbed their hands with glee, and said:

"Ah, my fine fellows, we will now have fine ride.

As all good passengers generally do, they asked the driver to have a drink, which Bob never refused.

Gathering up the reins and stepping lightly upon the box, and, fixing himself, Bob called

"Are you all aboard?" Cap Crickett, the little messenger, got up

"All ready! Turn them loose!" We all expected to see them go off like a ot. But, instead, Bob put on the brake and held them back all he could, but they got the start of him and ran a few hundred yards be-

fore he got them under control.

Going east, out of Horseshoe, it is about four miles to the top of the divide, and nearly all the way, up grade. Bob held them in so tight that he was nearly an hour in reaching the top of the hill. All this time the Englishmen were yelling out to the driver to go faster Occasionally they would hand him out a flask and ask him why he did not give them a good ride—that he had a fine team, and they like to see them go. To all this Bob said nothing; and Crickett, the messenger, knew that Bob was up to something. When they at last reached the divide Bob pulled up, and asked them how they liked staging in this country. From the divide to the next station it is eight miles, and nearly all the way down-hill, and

the road is straight. Bob, taking another pull at the flask, then

remarked: 'Now, I will show you how we stage it in

America. Giving a yell, like an Indian, he threw the lines on each side of the horses; they started down the hill like a flash of lightning. Then he threw the lamp down among the pulled out his revolver and commenced firing in the air; and, "playing the silk" to them, they fairly flew down the road. Sometim the hind wheels would not touch the ground for twenty feet. But the horses never for a moment left the road. They had been broken to run the track and nothing could start them out of it. The leaders were fast and kept the fifth chain taut. So, away they went down that mountain road, with the Englishman scream-

stage whip. When the stage got within two miles of the station, the stock-tender saw them coming, and knew they were running away.
The doors of the stable were large double doors, and high enough to permit the coach to go in. He knew the ponies were used to running right into the stable. So he thought the best way was not to stop them, but allow them

their own way.

Opening the doors the tender waited for them to come. And they were coming, you bet! And he thought how they would bring up standing, when they got into the stable.

On they came, straight as an arrow, for the door. Bob and Cap Crickett, seeing that they were going in, got down in the boot. In they rushed, and would probably have been all right had it not been for the small log that was laying across the entrance which was used in fastening the door. The front wheels struck this with such force that it caused the coach to bound up about two feet. The top of the door frame just struck the top of the coach, and tore it completely off, and there lay men coach, horses, in one mass in the center of the No one was seriously injured, but some of the passengers were bruised.

Bob, extricating himself from the debris, smiled, and coolly asked: "Well, how do you like staging in this blarsted' country?"

Then, backing the stage up, minus a top, he out on another fresh team, and sung out, "All aboard!

But not one of the passengers would ride with him, as they were perfectly satisfied with his kind of blarsted staging.

Getting their baggage out of the now dilapidated coach, they stayed over and took the next coach for the east. On arriving at Atchison, Kansas, they reported Bob Scott. But, of course, there was no notice taken of it, and Bob still continued the "lightning driver" of

Muriel.

BY MARY REED CROWELL.

OLD Mr. Cloudesley fidgeted uneasily in his dingy leathern arm-chair, and looked at the faded flowers on the carpet, at the glinting ray of sunshine on the wall, at a rose-bud and geranium leaf in a tiny, crystal glass-anywhere except in Cleve Levison's clear blue eyes, that were fixed upon him in an intensity of earnest regard that was part misery, part indignation, part keenly grave trouble

Handsome blue eyes they were, that many a woman had looked into and admired, and sought to soften into responsive adoration, and failed-clear, haughty blue eyes, true indices of the wealth of manly grandeur of soul and intelligence that lay back of them-eyes that never had glowed and warmed with passionate love until Muriel Cloudesley's sweet face, with its dimpled cheek and chin, its complexion of pink and pearl, its laughing, shadowy black eyes, its glorious framework of lustrous pale gold hair, had satisfied his æsthetic taste, and taught him that he was not the icicle he had almost come to consider himself.

She had only drifted into his life a brief, blissful three months ago, but Cupid and Destiny had allied their forces, and made smoothly pleasant paths for their loitering feet, and he had taken the ardent kisses of an accepted lover from her sweet red lips, and heard her acknowledge that she loved him with a strength and fervor that satisfied him

And Muriel's father had watched the grov ing intimacy between his one child and the handsome, preud young lover, who would one day doubtless make his mark in the world by reason of his talents—rare, true genius that even now was laying the foundation of a career of fame, although, as yet, fortune was lag-

ging. He had read many of Levison's articles, an he knew the ring of the true metal, and had not objected that his daughter hoped to share her lover's fame and fortune when years perhaps of keen self-denial had wooed the fickle

So the engagement had been sanctioned, and hope, and joy, and perfect content had lent wonderful power to Cleve Levison's pen, and a little money had come in that was laid aside with religious care, against the glad hour when he should take Muriel for his very own, to think and care for.

Right into all this pure happiness of honest hard working and waiting came an awful shock—a shock that took several minutes to even faintly comprehend after Mr. Cloudesley had made Levison acquainted with it.

It had been a very brief statement-great orrows and great joys seldom take a dozen words to express them—and Mr. Cloudeslev had blundered it out while Cleve stood looking at him in white-faced alarm.

'Mr. Levison—you see—you know I never could have guessed how it would be; but now that Muriel's grand-aunt is dead, who never has noticed us in her life, but for whom m wife would name the girl-now that the old lady has left her fortune to Muriel-"

A distressed compression of his lips told of the pain Levison was suffering. "And now you are sorry you promised your daughter to a man you thought good enough in your own poverty. Is that it?"

The voice was clear and almost harsh, but the anguish under it was well kept down. The old gentleman fidgeted restlessly

"You put it rather roughly, Mr. Levison, but I suppose that's about it. Don't you think yourself she ought to have other chances! Don't you see how a year or so of European travel would enlarge her tastes and improve her every way? I'm sure you won't be so selfish as to insist on marrying a mere child, now that she's an independent heiress. Levison's eyes blazed at the half insolent,

half whining tone. "Selfish! If you were any living man than the father of the woman I love I'd knock you down in your tracks! Answer me one word: did Muriel send you to me?"

His voice was cold and stern and his eyes the cold, haughty often tried to melt-that Adas Tivoral had almost sworn she would melt, and only tried to less beautiful, less fascinating women had done.

Mr. Cloudesley rose undecidedly, with a nervous look, half askance, in Levison's stormy

"No; she is such a child, so foolish, so unworldly, she will never object to you taking a lvantage of-"

The door was suddenly flung wide by Levison's hand. 'Go! Keep your insults for men who deserve them, and never let me see you again, not if you were a thousand times Muriel's fa

Then, when the old man had gone, content to have carried his point, and little caring for

ing and Bob laughing, and I still using the long | the opinion Levison entertained of him, so long as he knew—and he did know—that he had succeeded in goading Cleve to give his daughter up-when the old man had gone, Levison sat down to his desk, with white, anguishful face, and stormy eyes, and quivering fingers, and forced himself to keep on with the literary task on hand—that had been a labor of love an hour before—that was a pain, and a fear, and

But he forced his brain to obey him; he made himself plunge into the interest of his plot, and his iron will steadied his cold hands, and cooled his hot brain until, when there came a low, eager rap on his door, that he knew was Muriel Cloudesley's, he was calm—awfully calm and decided, with a dull, dying pain at his heart, that he knew meant how nopelessly the brief, bright sunlight was clouded in his life.

Muriel Cloudesley it was-with her sweet face scarcely less pale than his own, her dark eyes eloquent with half-terror, half pain as she

"Cleve, how could papa dare talk so? Cleve darling, you never for a moment thought the miserable money will make a bit of difference to me, did you? I would rather have you than all the money in the world, Cleve. Tell me you won't give me up!"

His eyes contracted with the supreme agony

of that moment, as he looked at her, clinging to his breast, her pure, pale face lifted imploringly to his, begging the love that was so entirely hers, forever—begging the mercy he had decided he could not bestow

Mr. Cloudesley's insolent words seemed so truthful now! Yes, Muriel was only a child, a confiding, ignorant child, and he, though it turned his life into a hades on earth, was never the man "to take advantage" of Muriel—that was what the father had said, that was what the world would say, and saying,

So he stooped and kissed the low, white brow, as one would kiss a face in a coffin "Muriel, can't you see how it all must be? Dear, it must make a difference. You are a rich lady now—you will see the great, the wealthy of the world—and I—am only I."

It was firm, it was bitter, it was true; but Muriel clung the more desperately to him.
"Oh, Cleve—Cleve! you are killing me!
Maybe you don't really love me after all; tell

me, do you love me?"

He had steeled himself against displaying a token of affection, but her ardent plaint sent the blood thrilling in every vein, and he caught her in his arms, and chained her, in a breathless embrace, to his heart, and kissed her over and over and over.

"Not love you! Oh, my God! Not love

A smile of perfect happiness broke over her face like sunlight on a dark cloud.
"Then you shall wait until I go with papa on this dreadful tour. You shall stay here and be true and loving, dear, with not a word or a line between us to make us remember. the dear memory of this hour, and the trust we both will have in our hearts. And when I come back in a year or two, at furthest, papa will see nothing can separate us, and he will give me to you. Cleve, I will wait for that day. Will you? When I return, will I find you as true as to-day, and waiting for

He looked solemnly down in her eyes. True as to-day, and waiting for you." And they parted.

Miss Adas Tivoral lifted her melting blue eyes—big, darkly violet, and as soft as velvet, with an expression of supreme surprise.

Why, Mr. Levison, is it possible you hadn't It is as much as three months ago since I had the news from Colonel Telmar, an attache of the French Legation, you know, and then it was rumored that the wedding was on the tapis. Colonel Telmar said that the city was in ecstasies over Miss Cloudesley, and that the French duc was an envied man by less for-

Cleve Levison sat quietly enough and listen ed. No, Muriel Cloudesley's engagement was a veritable piece of news indeed; and three months old now, was it? Then, in all proba bility, she was the wife of the French duc to-day—this moment—while he sat and listened to Adas Tivoral's rapid talk and wondered how soon after Muriel had left his studio that day of adieus, before she had forgot tenf

Then, after Adas Tivoral's news, came days and weeks of fighting with the old pain, months of incessant facing the old love, and he began to find himself growing famous almost suddenly. There came demand on de mand for his writings, until a steady stream of gold seemed pouring in; until he found himself

on the very pinnacle of worldly prosperity Then came occasional pieces of gossip from the gay French capital, where Madame le Duc orded it so regally. Adas Tivoral always kept posted through her friend, Monsieur le Colonel. And then—if you had asked Cleve Levison how it came about that he was be trothed to Adas Tivoral, he could not have told

Then came a loveless marriage on one side at least-a grand, royally magnificent marriage, when Adas Tivoral's eyes sparkled with satisfaction as she received the congratulations to "Mrs. Levison;" whose pretty, silvery laugh trilled out in glad triumph, when, alone in her dressing-room, a moment prior to the departure on the wedding-tour, she penciled and directed a letter to Colonel Auguste Tel-

"Congratulate me, mon cher ami; cease your kind efforts in my behalf. I am his wife, and he may learn when and as he can that nothing can circumvent a jealous woman's wit. I prefer you do not inform Miss M. C.—let her learn on her return.

"A. T. L."

Another year had been added to Cleve Levison's dreary, hopeless, loveless life-a year of fame and fortune—and blankest, bitterest misery—a year in which he had regretted ten million times his marriage—a year in which his wife had come to know she had not been so successful after all. True, 'nothing could de-prive her of his name, but his heart, his love, his respect were never hers; his society sel-Consequently there followed coldness indifference and a daily widening breach be

Cleve clung to his literary labors like a drowning man to a straw.

It was his only hope against madness, his only relief against himself. So he wrote, and published, and suffered, and hated until his life was a more pitiful romance than ever he dared write.

Then, one warm, glorious April morning, the end came His study was fragrant with flowers, and elightfully seductive in its subdued, grateful, pale-green tints; and Levison sat at his desk with steadily moving arm, and steadily flow-

ing thought, telling in his rare, wonderfully

the heroine was described on his sheet just as Muriel Cloudesley had looked the day she had gone from him forever.

The ink was yet wet, and he had paused a moment in thought; the door opened softly, and he heard a light footstep, then, a hurried, eager breathing, then—warm arms around his neck, and kisses on his cheek. 'Cleve! Cleve! it is I-come home to you!

Cleve, isn't it blessed to see each other again?" He started in a trance of horror at sound of Muriel's voice, at sight of Muriel's face. His heart seemed to be tearing through his flesh at the shock.

"Have I startled you, dear! How thought-Cleve! darling! why don't you speak to

His tongue seemed paralyzed with horror. Waiting and true, as she was!" Great God! tions. what did it mean? A sob broke from his quivering lips, but no

words would come, and Muriel's own face whitened with vague fear.

"Cleve, dear, if you regret your promise, tell me-tell-"

She laid her hands tenderly on his shoulders -he dropped his head to hers, in very agony of pain and shame; and then—Adas Levison walked in, high-headed, merciless, clear-

"Beg pardon, Miss Cloudesley, may I venture to suggest that the tableau you are indulging in may possibly not be so highly appreciated by Mr. Levison's wife, whom I have the

Muriel lifted her hands suddenly, and looked with anguished, bewildered eyes in the wo-

"You-his wife? Cleve-is it true-oh! A gasp, a cry of mertal pain, a sudden clutching of her white hands and her heart—and Muriel lay—dead—at Cleve Levison's

His eyes met his wife's with a cold rage she never had seen in human eyes before.

"You have killed her—you!—you! And I never loved a woman but her! You have killed her, and ruined me, and the blight be on your own head!"

"Heart disease," to which Miss Cloudesley was predisposed; and a grand funeral. "Literary eccentricity," natural enough in such a man as Cleve Levison, when he depart-ed with an expedition to the Eastern countries,

And only Adas Tivoral knows the truth.

An Old Man's Darling.

BY EBEN E. REXFORD.

SHE stood in the garden among her flewers with the sunshine all about her; and John Ashley, watching her from the doorway, with a curious, thoughtful expression on his face. could think of nothing but a bird or butterfly, as she flitted about from rose to lilac, with her yellow curls flying about her face in a cloud, and her eyes full of sparkles like water in

shadowy places. His years were more than double hers. He vas a man whom study had made sober and thoughtful in early manhood. He had a brave, strong face, with a strange gentleness in it now, as he stood and watched the girl in the garden. She was the only child of an old friend of his who had left her to him when he died; he had accepted the trust willingly. He had tried to be faithful to it. And he had suc-

"She is growing into beautiful woman-hood," he said to himself. "Some one will be robbing me of her one of these days I sup-

pose. He sighed a little as he spoke, and the thoughtful look upon his face grew deeper. Unless-" and then he stopped suddenly

and shook his head, as if to assure himself that what had been in his mind that moment was not to be thought of seriously.

The girl in the garden began to sing. He voice was clear as any bird's, and the still morning air rung with its melody. John Ashley left off thinking to listen.

A bird perched on one of the lilac-bushes by the gate began a song in pure rivalry. It ed as if he would split his slender throat in his attempt to out-warble the singer in the

She listened a moment, and began again. She ran up and down the lines of melody in flights and dips of sound that made him think of a bird flitting in mid-air. Bravo!" he cried, clapping his hands as her

voice died into silence, and the bird flew up and away in the blue overhead. "You have put your rival to flight.' Why, John!"-she always called him that

-"I didn't know any one was listening." "You'd make a fortune with your voice, "But I wouldn't like to have yo he said.

try it. 'Why?" she asked. "Because I don't want to lose you," he answered.

"You'll never be fortunate enough to do that," she laughed, "I'm going to stay with you always, John." 'You'll change your mind, some time," he

said, gravely, looking away toward the mountains in that way he had when thinking deep-"Wait till Roy comes." "I wish Roy were here," she said, coming

up the steps, and stopping close by him. have told me so much about him that I want to see him. "He will be here to-day or to-morrow," he answered, thinking that with Roy's coming

there would be an end of the old, quiet life in which he had Stacia all to himself Someway it had seemed to him all along as if Roy would marry Stacia. They were suited to each other. He knew of no one he

would sooner give her to, but—and always at have been fool enough to dream that I could the thought of giving her up to any one there make you happy? Go away, Stacia, and let was a curious little pain at his heart. He wanted her for himself.

"I like him very much," she told John Ashley next morning. "We shall be the best "Or lovers," he added, with a grave, slow

"Oh, no; only friends," she said, dropping her eyes before his earnest gaze, while a color like that in a rose's heart came into her "I'm going to have no lover but you,

John. "Wait and see," he answered: "von don't know your heart yet."

But Stacia only shook her head. She and Roy were the best of frien she had said they would be. She had never Roy's pleasant ways won a place in her repowerful way, an episode in his own life—and | gard from the first

There were long rows on the river in the pleasant days when all the world was full of summer sweetness, and walks in the twilight. And John Ashley, sitting apart, with only his thoughts to keep him company, saw the two to-gether, and told himself that what he had foretold had come true. Roy loved her, and he was going to lose the woman he loved.

'I must be a fool to think of such a thing as linking her life and mine together," he said, bitterly, one day, as he stood at the window, watching them rowing slowly up and down "I am almost an old man. May and December were not meant to mate to gether. And yet, women have loved men as less in me! But I was so eager, so anxious. I much older than they were, as I am older only landed this morning, and I've came straight to find you—waiting and true, as I plete life would seem! Without her, I shall much older than they were, as I am older always be a lonely man.

One day Roy and Stacia were in the gar-den together. They were tying up carna-

"I don't know of anything in the world sweeter than carnations except your cheeks," Roy said, all at once.

"That's a very pretty compliment," said Stacia. "I suppose I ought to give you some-thing in return. Here is a carnation. That's fair—you give me compliments and I'll pay "I'd rather you'd pay in kisses," laughed by. "Do you know I am jealous over that Roy. kiss you gave uncle John this morning. You

never kiss me in that way." Because I keep my kisses for the one who loves me best," she answered, softly:
"I love you," Roy said, suddenly. "You
must have seen that, Stacia! I have loved

you since the first time I saw you." "I never thought you cared for me—not in that way, at least," said Stacia, pulling away the hand Roy had taken possession of. "I hope I haven't done or said anything to make you think that-" and then she stopped, at a

loss how to explain her meaning. "You haven't tried to make me love you, or exerted any wiles to catch me, if that is what you mean," he answered. "But I thought you

did care for me, Stacia." "So I do, as a very dear brother," she anwered. "I love you very much, Roy, but not in the way you meant just now."
Roy's face was full of keen disappointment.

He had hoped to woo and win this girl. But it could not he "I am sorry, very sorry for you, Roy," she said, tenderly, touched by the sight of his dis-appointment. "Let me be your sister Stacia, appointment. and forget that you ever thought of me as

anything else. You shall be brother Roy from this time forth. Is that agreed on, Roy!"
"Yes, since you will have it so," he an-

He understood that it would be useless for him to urge his suit. Stacia always meant what she said. Let me seal the compact with a kiss, then,"

she said, and kissed him. Looking up, after the caress, she saw John Ashley's face at his window. He had seen her kiss Roy, and his heart was full of keenest pain at the sight. He thought it was such a kiss as a woman gives to the man she loves, and sighed to think his life must be barren of

such kisses. That night he was in the parlor alone, thinking of her, when she came in.
"I have been hunting for you," she said.

'I'm lonesome; I want some one to talk to." She drew a little stool up to his feet, and sat lown, leaning her head upon his knee.

"Lonesome, are you?" he said, stroking her yellow hair gently. "Where is Roy? He ought to keep you from getting lonesome."
"I don't want to talk to Roy," she answered,
"I want you, John. You don't act as you used to before Roy came. I don't have you all to myself for a quiet talk as I used to."

You don't miss my company, do you?" he said, threading his fingers through tresses in an absent way. He was thinking how much he should miss her when Roy took her away.

You know I miss you," she answered. "I like to talk to you better than any one

"Better than to Roy?" he questioned.
"Yes, better than to Roy," she answered.
"I suppose it is all settled between you and Roy," he said, by and by, breaking the silence that had fallen about the

His voice had a sharp touch of pain in it. It hurt him to talk about losing her. 'Yes, it is all settled," she answered. "Has

he told you!" "No; but I saw you kiss him in the garden this afternoon, and I have known how it would be from the first. I hope you will be happy, very happy, Stacia. It will be hard for me to give you up; I shall miss you more than you can think, but I am not selfish enough to try to keep you, when love calls you else

"I don't understand you," she said, looking up at him, in a puzzled way. "I kissed Roy in the garden, but it doesn't follow from that that you've got to give me up, or that love calls me away from you. It doesn't, John. I'm going to stay with you always, and be your

"Don't you love Roy?" he asked, lifting her face up that he might look into her eyes. "Yes, I love Roy, and we're going to be the best of friends. He is brother Roy to me, and am sister Stacia to him." "And nothing more?" There was a strange

eagerness in his voice. Nothing more," she answered, softly. "Stacia, I wonder-" he began, and stopped suddenly. "Wonder what?" she asked.

"No matter," he answered, getting up and going to the window, where he stood looking out into the night, with a shadow on his "But I want to know," she said, following

him, and laying her hand upon his arm. me, John! "Would you force me to tell you that I love you!" he cried, passionately. "That I

me think of my folly, and try to conquer it."
"Is it folly to love me?" she asked, softly, lifting shy eyes to his. "Oh, John, I could be happier with you than with any one else in the world!" Do you mean that you could care for the old man as the old man cares for you, Stacia?

Have you thought of the years between us!" 'I only know I love you," she said, and put her hands in his. "If you want me, John, why take me! "But"-with the old haunting thought

throwing its shadow in his face—"I am so much older and soberer than you. Don't take me out of pity, Stacia. It is love I want. You will be in womanhood's prime when I am a white-haired old man.'

"Then I'll be an old man's darling," she known a brother's love or companionship and said, softly; and John Ashley bent and kissed Roy's pleasant ways won a place in her re- her, with a great joy in his face. She was his